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## DAMAGE COSTS' RELEVANCY IN TRAFFIC HEARINGS

The question of the relevancy of damage costs in traffic hearings again cropped up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when Mr. H. C. Lee of Wilkinson & Grist appeared as complainant against a tram driver, Lui Man-po.

Mr. Lee, whose car 2659 was damaged by Tram No. 27, under cross-examination by defence counsel, Mr. Y. K. Kan, said repairs cost him \$62.

"Since the sum is so small, I take it that the damage was very slight," said Mr. Kan.

Mr. G. Binstead, Traffic Superintendent, prosecuting, interposed: "I think we can leave out the sum involved." The Police were not concerned with costs of damage. Traffic regulations had been broken, and that was all the Police were interested in.

Mr. Kan—"I think I know what the Prosecution is aiming at, but I'm not alleging in this case as I did in another case recently."

(Mr. Kan, in a recent case, said "of late there have been many summonses against tram drivers. In every case when a tram and another vehicle have had an accident, the tram driver generally was made the defendant. This is very significant and in my opinion Your Worship's Court is being used to settle matters which entirely concern the Civil Court.")

Mr. Kan yesterday contended that he wanted to mention costs to point out the extent of damage.

**Mr. Lee**

In evidence Mr. Lee said he was travelling behind the tram. Following road guide signals, witness said he turned right into Jackson Road. He passed the tram, which was going very slowly, at the bottom of Garden Road and stopped after passing the lavatory at the Queen's Road-Garden Road junction, when he saw a traffic constable put up the stop signal.

He signalled to vehicles behind that he was stopping. Mr. Lee said, and pulled up opposite the Car Park, a few inches away from the tram track.

The morning was clear and sunny, witness stated in answer to a Prosecution query as to visibility.

The tram hit his rear offside mudguard, Mr. Lee continued, and "the impact was great enough to shake me up."

The tram driver, Lui, said that when he approached the bend he cut off his power as he was going downhill. He saw the car overtaking his tram and stopping. He had applied both his emergency and hand brakes because he saw the car was too close to the track. The momentum downhill might have pushed the tram a little further so as to brush the car.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Norman Senior stated that a tram travelling on level ground at eight m.p.h. would stop over 28 feet in five seconds and at five m.p.h. over 13 feet in 3.5 seconds.

**Not Relevant**

Mr. Kan contended that the evidence was not relevant. Tram No. 27 was not the vehicle tested and the tests made were not in connection with the matter.

### Reminders

**Today**

Annual Meeting, International Assurance Co., Ltd., 1214, Queen's Road, Central, 11 a.m.

Children's Party by Kowloon branch of Society for Protection of Children, Gun Club Hill, 2.30 p.m.

Stage Club presentation of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Missions to Seamen Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Bridge & Mah Jong Drive, Sailors & Soldiers Home, Wan-chai, 2.30 p.m.

**Coming Events**

**TOMORROW**

Official opening of Kowloon Rotary Club, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

Cosmopolitan Chinese New Year Dance.

H.K. Football Referees Association Dinner, Luk Kwok Hotel, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Soccer: Dunga v. Norwegians, Happy Valley.



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### STAGE PLAY

The Hong Kong Stage Club's production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" played successfully to a full audience last night in the Mission to Seamen theatre. The play will be on for another three nights, with booking at Moutrie's. A review will appear in tomorrow's issue of the "China Mail."

### Personalities

Lt. Col. J. R. Filmar-Bennett, MC, who has commanded the 1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers for the past two and half years during their tour in India and the Far East relinquished his command at the beginning of this month. He is returning to the U.K. prior to taking up a new appointment in either Burma or West Africa.

His successor is Lt. Col. D. M. Shaw, DSO, MC, who recently arrived in the Colony from Mauritius Island where he was Garrison Commander. Lt. Col. Shaw served with the 2nd Bn. Inniskilling at Dunkirk, where he was awarded the Military Cross. In Burma and Madagascars he commanded a Commando Unit and later in the war commanded the 2nd Bn. Inniskilling in Italy and Austria, being awarded the DSO, in Italy.

### ATS Chief In Colony

Senior Controller M. J. C. Tyrwhitt OBE, Director ATS, who is touring ATS units in the Middle East and Far East, arrives in Hong Kong on Monday. Senior Controller Tyrwhitt, who is a daughter of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, C-in-C China Station 1927-28, has been serving with the ATS since its formation in 1938. In 1945 she became Deputy Director, assuming her present appointment early in 1946.

The ATS platoon in Hong Kong commanded by J. Condon, numbers 34. The majority of these Auxiliaries are attached to Signals, working as switch board operators, whilst the remainder are mostly clerks in HQ Land Forces. No higher praise could be given to this platoon than that of Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine, G.O.C. Hong Kong, who at a recent press conference stated, "They are excellent and I do not know what I should do without them."

After the war, the Army Council recognised the excellent work of the ATS and decided to make it a permanent arm of the Services, thus they are no longer an Auxiliary arm, and this title is to be changed in the near future.

Kenneth Aiber Parker, 17-year-old British seaman, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with being a destitute person and was committed to the House of Detention by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

### The Devil Proved A Bad Driver

Chung Kwok-kau, 50-year-old licensed driver, was driving lorry 5208 along Castle Peak Road at 9.30 a.m. on Feb. 3 when, just at the 10-mile stone, the devil took over the control of the vehicle.

The devil, according to the story Chung told Traffic Sub-Inspector Raymond Bell and related to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday, was a very bad driver for he drove the lorry right into the mile-post, broke the steering mechanism, and went down the hillside.

Although the vehicle dropped 86 feet and the driving cab was smashed to pieces, he escaped unscathed.

The Traffic Department (Kowloon) took a more prosaic view of the whole accident.

According to TSI Bell, defendant reported to the Taun Wan Police Station that his lorry met with an accident at the 10-mile stone at Castle Peak Road.

The scene was visited by the Police who found that accused

was driving an empty lorry from Kowloon to Un Lung on the left side of the road, with its rear side 29 feet south of the 10-mile stone.

They also found by the wheelmarks that the lorry ran along the embankment, knocked down the milestone, and proceeded (with its wheels still on the embankment) for another 141 feet before it rolled down the hillside to the sea, a sheer drop of 86 feet.

**"Terrific Hurry"**

There was no doubt, said TSI Bell, that defendant was in a "terrific hurry."

Accused, continued the prosecuting officer, told that he went down the 86 feet drop with the lorry. "In my opinion," said TSI Bell, "he jumped off, as the cab of the lorry was in a terrible mess."

Defendant's explanation of the accident was that the lorry was involved in a fatal accident in Hong Kong about two months ago and that the devil (of those killed) took over the control of the vehicle from him on the morning in question.

Mr. Latimer: "It is very dangerous for the public when the devil takes over the control of a lorry."

**"Not Fit"**

TSI Bell: "I personally do not think a man who lets the devil take over control of his vehicle is fit to be allowed a licence."

Magistrate: "Neither do I." Concluding, TSI Bell, pointed out that accused had six convictions between Feb. 20 last and Oct. 16 last year, including two "warning letters" for carrying excessive passengers.

Defendant was fined \$500 (or three months' hard labour), with the recommendation that his licence be suspended for 12 months.

### LAND SALE

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3512 at Tai Po Road will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m.

The area is about 43,000 square feet. The annual rental is \$790 and the upset price \$21,500.

Sale Conditions may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road.

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$4,300 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

### Saw Stolen Cloth Being Sold

How a chance conversation between Mok Yam, master of the Sing Yuet Factory of Suiter Street, and Lau Po-sang resulted in the recovery of all property stolen nine hours earlier from the factory and led to the arrest of a man and two women within 24 hours, was told by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

The burglary took place at 4 a.m. on Jan. 27, said DSI Sykes, when Wong Sik-kyung (25) was charged with burglary and receiving stolen property, and Keung Kwai (43) widow, and Chan Kim-ying (24) married woman, with receiving stolen property.

At 9 a.m. Lau Po-sang, residing at 150 Yee Kuk Street, first floor, saw a man in the "long" with Keung Kwai (a sub-tenant) examining red checked cloth and a black Chinese suit. The woman bought the goods for \$14.40.

Four hours later he was visited by Mok Yam who, in the course of conversation, mentioned the burglary at the factory. Lau was taken to the factory and shown a sample of the cloth stolen. Identified it as being similar to that sold on his floor.

Defectives, under DSI Sykes, went to the Yee Kuk Street address where they found the cloth and suit which Keung Kwai allegedly admitted having bought from a man called Lau Suk.

**Pointed To Man**

She brought the Police to 370 Reclamation Street, second floor, where in the second cubicle, she pointed out a man sleeping on the bed as the one from whom she bought the goods. He gave his name as Wong Sik-kyung.

Wong, at the Wong Yick Police Station, admitted having stolen

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### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING Saturday, 7th February, 1948.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whitsun Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE**

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts etc. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are order in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSSES**

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Clubhouse.

BY ORDER,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Actg. Secretary.



# Allegations Against Police Hawker Says He Was Used An Old Trick

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny by truck, Ho Hung, 25, hawker, was yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy.

According to the prosecution, Ho approached complainant regarding the purchase of 50 cartons of melon seeds. He said he was working at the Oriental Theatre and requested that delivery be made there. Payment to be made on receipt of the seeds.

A foki of the complainant was sent with the seeds and was met by defendant at the theatre entrance. The latter took the seeds and asked the foki to wait, explaining that payment would be made after the seeds had been weighed.

He went inside the theatre but did not reappear, having left by the rear entrance.

On Feb. 2, accused was recognized by the foki and arrested. On being charged at the Police Station, he admitted the larceny.

## War Trial Adjourns

No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, adjourned proceedings against 17 alleged Japanese war criminals indefinitely yesterday after sitting for half a day, hearing the closing phase of the prosecution.

The Court, composed of Lt. Col. H. G. Gurne (President), Lt. Col. J. T. Brock (Judge Advocate) with Major N. McLeod and Lt. R. Carter as members, is trying Commander Tachibana Sumaru of the Haman Island POW Camp and 16 of his associates for mistreating 263 Australians and 237 Dutchmen and causing the death of some 150 prisoners between 1942 and 1945.

Major Grant-McIntyre and Major A. Mackay are prosecuting jointly.

Both are from the Australian Division, SCAP (GHQ) Tokyo.

Allegations against the police were made by Chan Yiu, 28-year-old foki of the "Keung Sheung Yat Po," who appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with obstruction and hawking without a licence in Queen's Road, Central.

Chan, who pleaded not guilty, produced two witnesses, one of whom is a Fire Boat officer, who was completed and cautioned by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, who remarked: "So many people are selling newspapers every day and not molested, so why should you be?"

Defendant, who was paid to have been a newspaper delivery boy of the "Chinese Language Paper" for over 10 years with a clear record, told the Court that he delivered a paper to a subscriber about a fire floor in Connaught Road, Central, near the Sincere Company.

"I was suddenly tripped by the neck from behind," Chan alleged, "and it was right on my exposed back. The accusing party caused me to pay attention to the person, who claimed to be a detective and asked me for a pass."

Defendant said that his office did not issue passes to the foki, and denied the detective's assertion that he accepted money from the fire boat officer, who recovered the paper.

Chan also told the detective that the papers were not for sale and were only for the usual subscribers.

"I was pushed by the neck again," he alleged, "When I asked him to release me as the pass was too great, he answered: 'So you want to run away?'"

Wong Yee wing, a fire boat officer, said that the Fire Brigade ordered the "Keung Sheung" for the use of members, and defendant delivered the paper every morning between 8 and 9 a.m.

He also denied giving any money to defendant, and alleged that the detective's evidence was "not right."

Mr. Wu Wing-long, general affairs clerk of the daily, said that Chan had been employed for over 10 years, to deliver papers to subscribers. The Fire Brigade was one of its subscribers.

Defective 869 Au Kwok-on told the Court in the witness box that he saw defendant at about 9 a.m. selling newspapers and

receiving money from a man. When he asked defendant for his licence Chan said he had no licence. A search at Central Police Station revealed that Chan had 31 five cent notes and a \$6 receipt on him.

An in his evidence stated that incident happened in Connaught Road, Central. Defendant had a bundle of papers, valued at \$3.

Chan, with eight others, was charged for obstruction and hawking without licence in Queen's Road, Central, on Feb.

The others were fined.

## WEDDING Cash-Skidding

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon when Miss Stella Ada Skidding nursing sister at Kowloon Hospital, became the bride of Mr. Albert Iveson Cash of the P.W.D. waterworks office.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of Mr. W. M. McEl Smith (Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade) wore a full length gown cut on princess lines of white chiffon velvet with a long train. Her head-dress was of white velvet roses with a long tulle hand-embroidered veil. The bride carried a shower bouquet of scarlet roses.

In attendance was Miss Joan Wilson, also a nursing sister at Kowloon Hospital, who wore a moss green chiffon velvet gown with matching muff. Her head-dress was pale pink camellias. Mrs. W. McEl Smith, Matron of Honour, was dressed in a olive green moroccano with brown accessories.

Duties of bestman were discharged by Mr. Harry F. Hopkins of Jardine's. The usher were Messrs. D.W. White and G. Aekland.

A reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden after which the newly-weds left for their honeymoon at Castle Peak. The bride chose for her going away dress a nigger brown suit with accessories to suit.

## IRAQ REJECTS TREATY

Baghdad, Feb. 3. The Iraq Government officially informed Mr. D. L. Bux, acting British Ambassador in Baghdad, today of its rejection of the Anglo-Iraq treaty signed at Portsmouth earlier this month, according to unimpaired close touch with the Iraq Cabinet.—Reuter.

## READERS' LETTERS

Disclaimer

Sir,—Appearing in the Tuesday, February 3rd, issue of your paper was a column about the meeting of the Democratic League, Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, National Salvation Group, Chinese Peasant and Workers Democratic Party, China Democratic Promotion Society, Joint Society of Sin Min Chui Discipline and Chih Kung Tong. As Director and Deputy Director of the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party of China for the Districts of Hong Kong and Macao, we venture to call the attention of the public, particularly to the fact that this party was formed by members of the Chih Kung Tong in all the Americas. Chih Kung Tong is the predecessor of the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party known as Ming Chih Tang.

A political party under the name of Chih Kung Tong was formed during the time of General Chan Chiung Ming, but was dissolved later on. It is likely that attempts are being made to revive the Chih Kung Tong, and it is also likely that a mistake might have been made when instead of giving the name Chih Kung Tong, Chih Kung Tong was given erroneously. If, however, it is purposely given with the intention of confusing the public in order to implicate the Chih Kung Tong or the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party in the matter, then, this letter is to refute such a statement absolutely.

Chih Kung Tong existed only in the Americas and is no longer in existence, since it had been organized into the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party, as above stated. It was certainly a surprise to learn that such a statement as appeared in the column of your paper, that the Chih Kung Tong participated in issuing jointly the statement by the Democratic League and others.

It is desired to be pointed out unequivocally that the Chih Kung Tong as a political party under the name of the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party has nothing, whatsoever, to do with that statement, as the aim and object of our party is above all for the interest of the Chinese people and nation, and we hold our own views aloof from those of other parties and they are not in any way influenced by exotic fantastic doctrines.

Your kind consideration in giving this pen letter its appearance in your paper will be greatly appreciated.

MING CHIH TANG.

## EXTRA TRAIN

An additional fast train will run between Kowloon and Canton for the Chinese New Year period from Feb. 5 to 9 and 13 to 17, both dates inclusive.

Third class passengers only will be booked by this train which will leave Kowloon at 7.47 a.m. arriving Canton 12.11 p.m. and leave Canton 3.25 p.m. arriving Kowloon 8.00 p.m.

Washington, Feb. 3. The House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate today a bill extending until December 31 the right of the alien fiancées of American service personnel to enter the United States. Previous legislation expired at the end of 1947.—Reuter.

A 6-year-old boy, Chung Wang-hing, was knocked down by private car 2992 at the junction of Bowring Canal Road and Hennessy Road shortly after 9 p.m. yesterday. He died on the way to Queen Mary Hospital.

## NO JURISDICTION TO HEAR APPEAL

Mo Kit-wan alias Mo Ma-hing of 566 Nathan Road, fined \$5,500 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy on Nov. 12 on four counts of over-charging of rent, one of failing to post a notice of the amount of rent paid and an additional charge, framed by the Magistrate, of receiving key money, had his appeal against the conviction dismissed at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. D.A.L. Wright instructed by Mr. M.A. da Silva was for the appellant and Mr. J. Reynolds for the Crown.

Mr. Reynolds said that the proper recognizances required were not entered into and that the court had no power to hear the appeal.

Mr. Wright said that the Magistrate if not primarily responsible for the errors was at least a party to it. The provisions of Section (e) (2) had been substantially if not literally complied with and it was a fit for the judge to exercise his discretion for the appellant.

Appellant had entered into recognizance on a printed form in the presence of the Magistrate but was ignorant of the correct form and did not know that any irregularities had been committed. The solicitor for the appellant was not responsible for the error. He did not get a copy made by the clerk unless application were made for a copy of the proceedings. Recognizance was down outside the 21 days in which it should have been entered.

## Judgment

In dismissing the appeal Mr. Justice Goff said: "I hold that the words of the Section 111 (2) of the Magistrates Ordinance as applying to the action of the appellant are not complied with. There is no jurisdiction in this Court to hear the appeal in question. Cases decided under similar sections in England sometimes how an apparent misuse to an appellant, for example, in one case notice was given verbally to the Justice."

The Government spokesman, Mr. Hing-keung K. Tong, asked today to comment on Gen. Chennault's visit to China summarised in yesterday's "China Mail" said:

"General Chennault is a far-seeing man. At a time when most peoples are laughing at Japan's claim that Japan had a blueprint for world conquest, Gen. Chennault foresaw it. Four years after Japan started fighting China his judgment was substantiated by Japan's attacks on Pearl Harbour. The situation in the north-east is serious. Its importance is shown in the Government determination to hold key positions with all available forces. I believe whatever development takes place in the north-east will have international repercussions. I hold Gen. Chennault in high admiration because of his selflessness in championing China's cause when many Western leaders were lukewarm in their support."—United Press.

## REEL CLUB DANCE

An enjoyable evening was had at the Hong Kong Reel Club Dance on the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden last night.

Many of the men turned out in their Highland regalia and the ladies wore their "clan plaids" making an exceedingly attractive sight in the Eightome Reel, "Strip the Willow" and other Scottish Dances.

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12.32 p.m.—Alfred Campbell and His Orchestra—A Whiff of Philis (60 piano).  
1.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Sketches to the Stars".  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—Studio Dance Band of H.M.S. "Sussex" (by kind permission of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet).  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Radio Rhythms presented by Philip Barn.  
6.30 p.m.—Studio: La Demi-Heure Française.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.  
7.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "V.I.P." with Tom Hardy.  
7.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Masqueraders".  
8.00 p.m.—Music and Song from Foreign Lands.  
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Music in Miniature".  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
9.11 p.m.—Studio: Book Reviews. Presented by Allen Daker.  
9.25 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by Harry Moody (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by Val Bowman.  
9.40 p.m.—Studio: Interlude.  
9.45 p.m.—Studio: A Short Story—The Stranger—Presented by Douglas MacNiven.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.  
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "When the Gods Love".  
10.45 p.m.—Studio: The Hot-Boat-Accident for Dancers.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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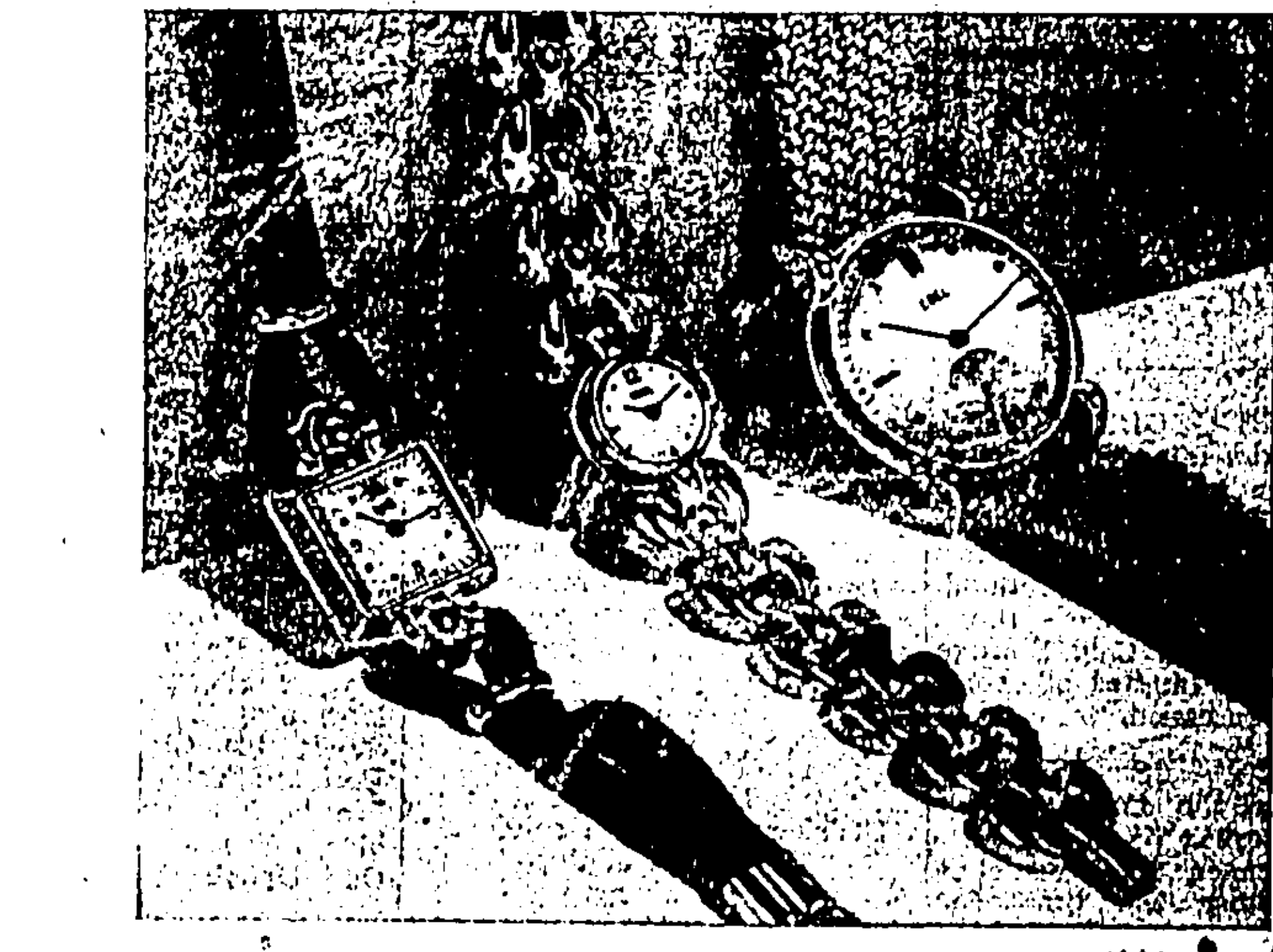
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## URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the erection of tents on... Beach" will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, the 20th February, 1948.

2. Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the following beaches and to erect tents thereon for hire to the public by the hour or by the day for the period 16th April, 1948, to 14th November, 1948:—

Beach	Approximate area of site	Approximate No. of Tents
Repulse Bay (Main Beach)	Site A—13,000 sq. ft.	50
	Site B—10,000 sq. ft.	40
Stanley (Main Beach, Tyam Bay)	Site A—7,000 sq. ft.	30
	Site B—5,000 sq. ft.	20
Island Bay (Shek O)	Whole Beach	75
Big Wave Bay	Whole Beach	50

Plans of the above beaches, showing these sites, may be seen in the office of the Secretary, Urban Council.

3. Tents must be of an approved type, dimensions not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 5 feet long.

4. Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

5. The following maximum charges to be paid by the public will be allowed for the hire of tents:—

	Repulse Bay and Stanley	Island Bay and Big Wave Bay
For a period not exceeding two hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hrs. but not exceeding 3 hrs.	3.00	4.00
" 3 " " " " 4 "	4.00	5.00
" 4 " " " " 5 "	5.00	6.00
" 5 " " " " 6 "	6.00	7.00

6. The tender price should include the provision of a tent for the permanent use of the Government Beach Overseer and/or Inspector.

7. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$250.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

8. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

9. For full particulars and form of tender apply at the office of the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, top floor.

10. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

11. During the period of the contract no other person will be allowed to erect tents on any of the above beaches.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,  
Secretary, Urban Council.

30th January, 1948.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Office of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 9th day of February, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3512	Tai Po Road	As per sale plan (Area coloured red)	41,500 (about)	\$700	\$21,500

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$4,500.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIFF,  
Director of Public Works.

Date: 30th January, 1948.

## HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION URGENT NOTICE

In order to serve notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at an early date, will all prewar members desirous of re-suming membership please send a chit notifying their name, address and motor car or cycle registration number to:—

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Note—The new subscription fees will be decided at the Annual General Meeting of Members.

Motorists wishing to join the Association may obtain a form from any member of the Interim Committee or from the address above.

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## POLICE FORCE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that the Exceeding the Governor has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the portions of the Colony enumerated in Part I of the following Table within the respective times set opposite such portions in such Part I, subject nevertheless to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out in Part II of the said Table.

### PART I.

#### TABLE

Portion of the Colony.  
(Subject nevertheless to the exceptions and prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Part II of this Table.)

Permitted Times.

In the Island of Hong Kong:—  
(1) All the area within and bounded by Pedder Street to Connaught Road Central to Murray Road to Queen's Road Central, and back to Pedder Street.

(1), (2) and (3) from 11 p.m. on Monday the 9th February, 1948 to 1 a.m. on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948.

(2) All that area within and bounded by a line from the entrance to the Royal Naval Hospital in Queen's Road East to a line running immediately behind and parallel to Hing Wan Street, thence along this line to Stone Nullah Lane, down Stone Nullah Lane to Queen's Road East, along Queen's Road East to Tai Yuen Street by Tai Yuen Street and O'Brien Road to Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road to Stewart Road, and thence by Stewart Road and Hing Wan Street to the boundary of the Public Works Department Store.

Also from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948.

(3) All the area within and bounded by Leighton Hill Road, to Caroline Road, to Shaukiwan Road, along Eastern Hospital Road, to Tai Hang Road, along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Morrison Gap Road, to Morrison Hill Road, and back to Leighton Hill Road.

Also from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Monday the 16th February, 1948.

The streets and roads or portions thereof, as the case may be, through which boundary lines are included within the areas (1), (2) and (3).

In Kowloon:—  
(4) All that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula south of Austin Road.

(4) The same times as for areas (1), (2) and (3) above.

(5) The area within (and including) the following boundary:—

(5) The same times as for areas (1), (2) and (3) above.

Nathan Road from Austin Road to Boundary Street thence Boundary Street to the Railway Line, thence the Railway Line to the Northern end of Kowloon Tong, thence Cornwall Road to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to Prince Edward Road, thence Prince Edward Road to Argyle Street, thence Argyle Street to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to No. 4 Railway Bridge, thence the Railway Line to Chatham Road, thence Chatham Road to Austin Road.  
The whole of Jordan Road is included within the boundary.

In the Colony:—  
(6) Elsewhere in the Colony.

(6) From 4 p.m. on Monday the 9th February, 1948 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday the 11th February, 1948.  
From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday the 16th February, 1948.

### PART II.

#### EXCEPTIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

No firework shall be discharged within the following area:—

All that area within and bounded by a line along the whole of Ko Shing Street to its western end or junction with Des Voeux Road West, thence along Des Voeux Road West to its junction with Centre Street, thence along Centre Street to its junction with Bonham Road, thence along and including Bonham Road to a point found by producing the eastern boundary of Pound Lane, thence to and along and including Pound Lane, thence along and including Hollywood Road to its junction with Queen's Road West, thence along Queen's Road West to its junction with Queen's Street, thence along Queen's Street to its junction with Ko Shing Street, the point of commencement. The course of the said line is such that boundary streets and roads not specifically included in the area lie outside it.

No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of hospitals, or of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service is prohibited.

The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

With reference to the permission hereby notified attention is drawn to the rule set forth in Government Notification No. 79 published in the Government Gazette dated 10th February, 1933, "No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any firework which explodes on impact, or which contains any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which has in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient".

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

The Police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing fireworks in contravention of the foregoing permission and rule.

W. L. A. SPARROW,  
Acting Commissioner of Police.

10th January, 1948.

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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of EDWARD NISSIM late of No. 165 Meyer Road, Singapore formerly of 20 Route Pichon, Shanghai, in the Republic of China, merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th February, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1948.

DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the  
Executors,  
Prince's Building,  
Hongkong.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of KENNETH de WOLFE WATSON late of The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, Foreman Joiner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th February, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1948.

DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the  
Administratrix,  
Prince's Building,  
Hongkong.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of David McFerran late of Pokfulam, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, formerly of 36 Garturk Street, Queen's Park, Glasgow, Scotland, Engineer to the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Company, Limited of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 1st day of March, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 1948.

DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
Prince's Building,  
Hongkong.

## Factory Rioting In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 4.  
Eighty of the 300 workers of the Sung Sing Cotton Mill who were arrested during the rioting on Monday night, are still held by the police after all night questioning and it is expected that at least 30 will be formally charged with creating a disturbance.

Conditions at the factory are gradually returning to normal after the excitement and bloodshed but the full resumption of operations is unlikely before the Lunar New Year.

The Commissioner of Social Affairs, Dr. Wu Kai-hsien, stated that the factory is planning to discharge the guilty ones after due investigations. He added, however, that the lawless elements in the factory comprise but a small fraction of the employees.

"Law And Order"  
The garrison commander, Lieutenant General Hsuan Ti-wu, bitterly deplored the recent disorders in the city when he spoke at a conference to discuss the distribution of a scholarship fund yesterday afternoon.

Emphasising the necessity of observing law and order, he said the disturbances were fomented by "subversive elements." Making his public appearance since the manhandling of Mayor K. C. Wu, he deplored the recent Tung Chi University incident and stressed that the proceeds of the scholarship fund should only benefit the poor and deserving students and not those of bad behaviour.

Riot Condemned  
The Shanghai General Labour Union which claims to control the majority of Shanghai's 700,000 workers, issued a statement last night condemning the Sung Sing Mill riot and terming it as an affair "managed by treacherous and unruly elements conspiring to disrupt production and create a disturbance."

The Union charged the rioting workers with blithely walking into a trap by making "unreasonable" demands and calling the sudden strike.—Reuter.

General's Mission  
Shanghai, Feb. 4.  
General Cheng Kai-min, Vice-Minister of National Defence and reputed successor of General Tai Li as head of the secret police organization, previously known as the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics, arrived in Shanghai from Nanking this morning to coordinate efforts to prevent further rioting in Shanghai.

Chinese reports state that Gen. Cheng was sent to Shanghai by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek following a conference which the Minister of Social Affairs, Ku Cheng-kang—one of the closest followers of the Kuomintang Rightist, Chen Li-fu, also attended.—United Press.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

### PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of FREDERICK IVAN GEORGE HALL late of Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 3rd day of March, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 1948.

DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
Prince's Building,  
Hongkong.

## NOTICE INTERNATIONAL ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

(The Companies Ordinances Hong Kong)

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the INTERNATIONAL ASSURANCE CO., LTD., will be held at the Company's Head Office, 12-14 Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, on February 6, 1948, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which the sub-joined resolution will be proposed as a Special Resolution:

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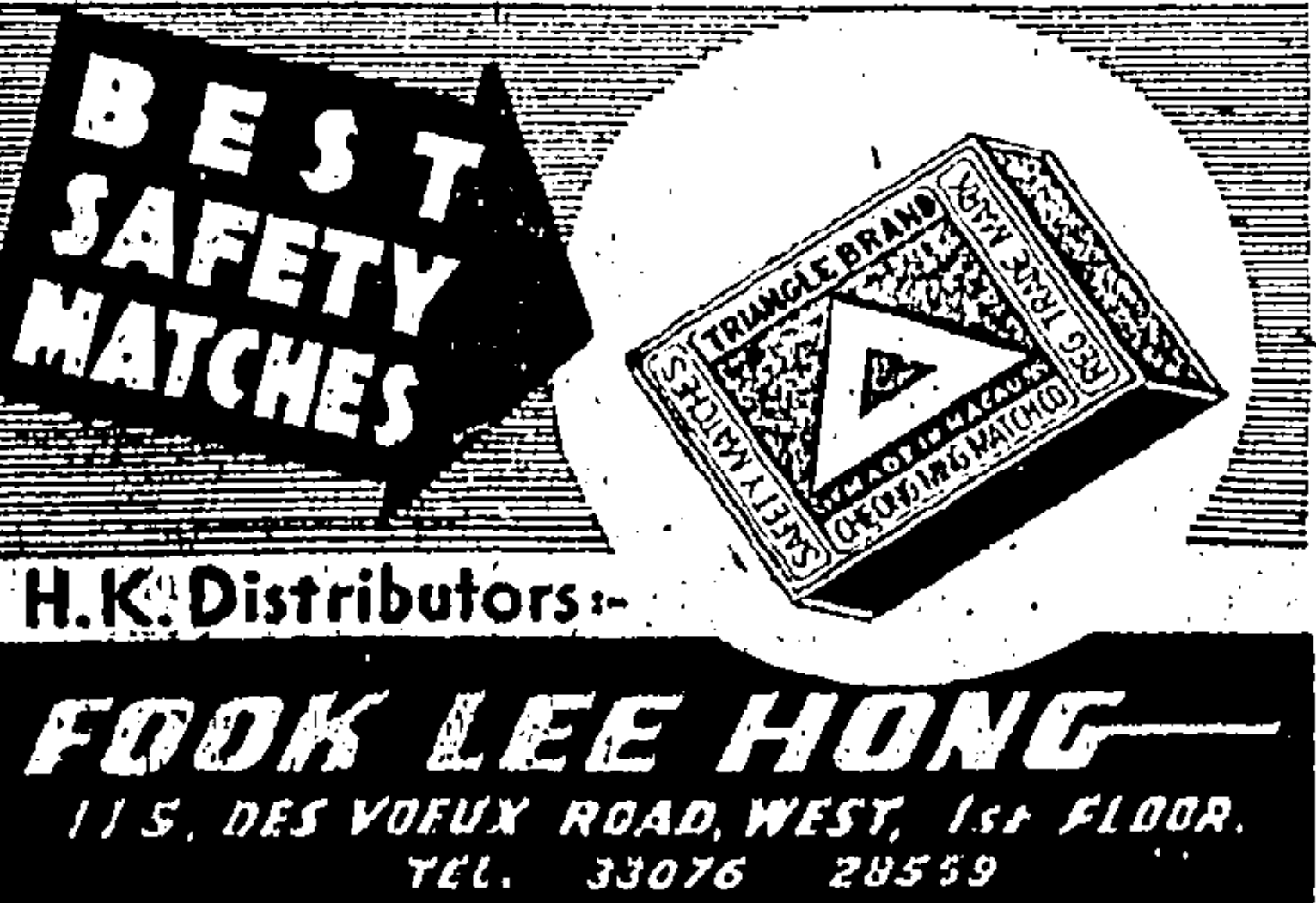
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# "COLONIALISM IS DEAD" Queen Wilhelmina On New Indonesia "Memorable Goal" Reached

The Hague, Feb. 3. "Colonialism" is dead," said Queen Wilhelmina, broadcasting tonight to Holland's wartime allies about the new Indonesia and its place in the Dutch Commonwealth.

"The peoples of our Commonwealth have reached a memorable goal. A free Federated Indonesia is about to take its place among the democratic nations of the world."

Queen Wilhelmina said a partnership of the United States of Indonesia, forming a union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam, and the Antilles, was rapidly taking shape.

She added that common man was still far from being free from fear, and want in those parts of Indonesia "where terrorism is still committing manslaughter, pillage and arson. The powers of anarchy and disorder will be overcome because the Indonesian peoples are determined to take up the responsibilities and obligations of democratic self-government."

"It may well be that the solution being reached in Indonesia will set the pattern for solutions in wider parts of Asia."

"Blessed with many riches of the earth, the United States of Indonesia can take a great share in the common fight against famine and need."

### Living Reality

Queen Wilhelmina declared: "Seven years ago, when Holland was under Nazi oppression, I announced to my countrymen the intention to establish a new relationship between the Netherlands and the other parts of our Commonwealth."

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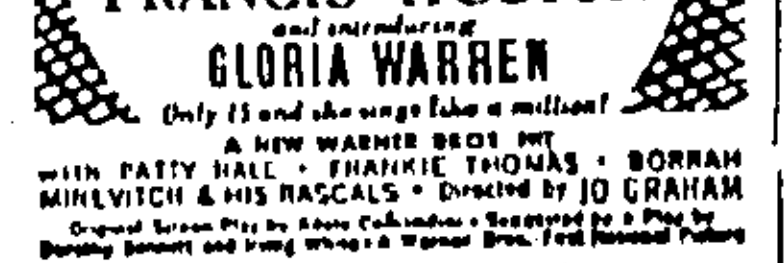
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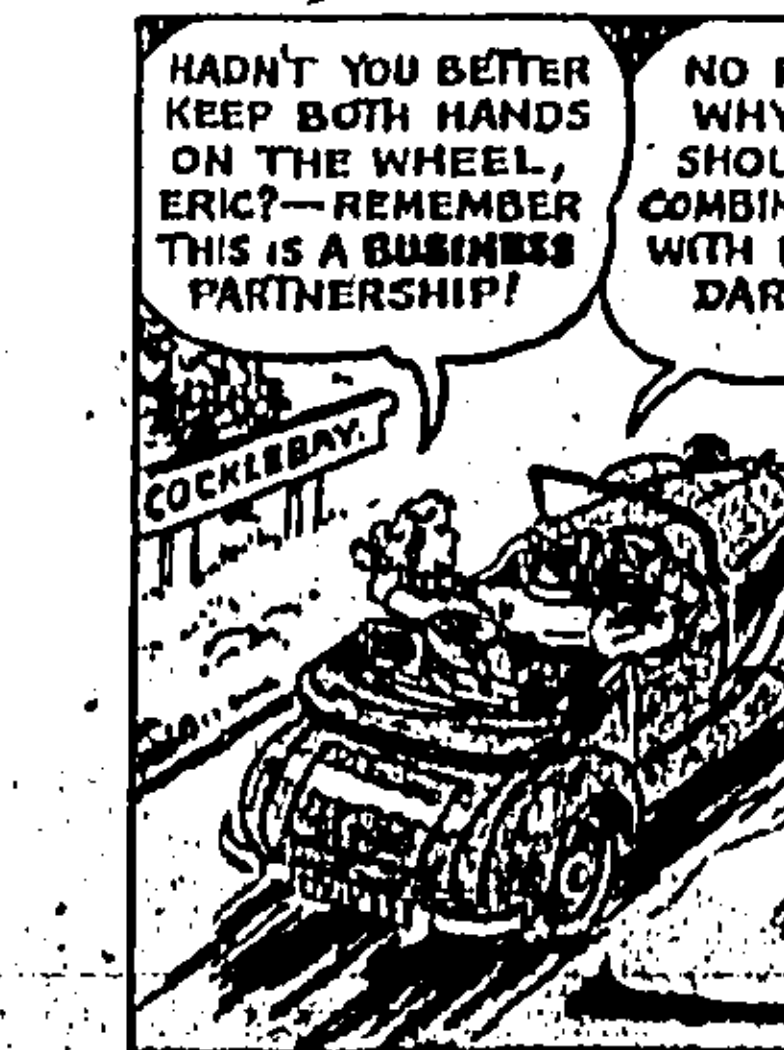


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Queen Wilhelmina continued: "In the darkest period of my life, the great President, my unforgettable friend, together with Britain's valiant champion for freedom, found a permanent expression for our common purpose, which reached even beyond the immediate aim of each country's independence."

"We were to make the world free from fear and free from want; to make it a place where man would be free to worship God in his own way and free to speak his mind."

### Wisdom And Skill

"It makes me happy that men in Indonesia and here have found the wisdom and the skill to create forms of Government that will guarantee to many millions of people all the freedoms and the rights for which you, our allies, and we fought together."

"Colonialism is dead. We do not disown our past and the proud achievements of bygone days. But a nation must be strong enough to make a new beginning. We shall be strong enough."

"What the peoples of the world need now is a new way of living together in a close partnership based on equality and mutual trust."

The broadcast was made from the Queen's bedroom in Amsterdam Palace, to which she is confined because of a slight cold.—Reuter.

### NEHRU ASKED TO RESIGN

New Delhi, Feb. 3. Socialist Party leaders have called for the resignation of India's Cabinet in alignment for the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

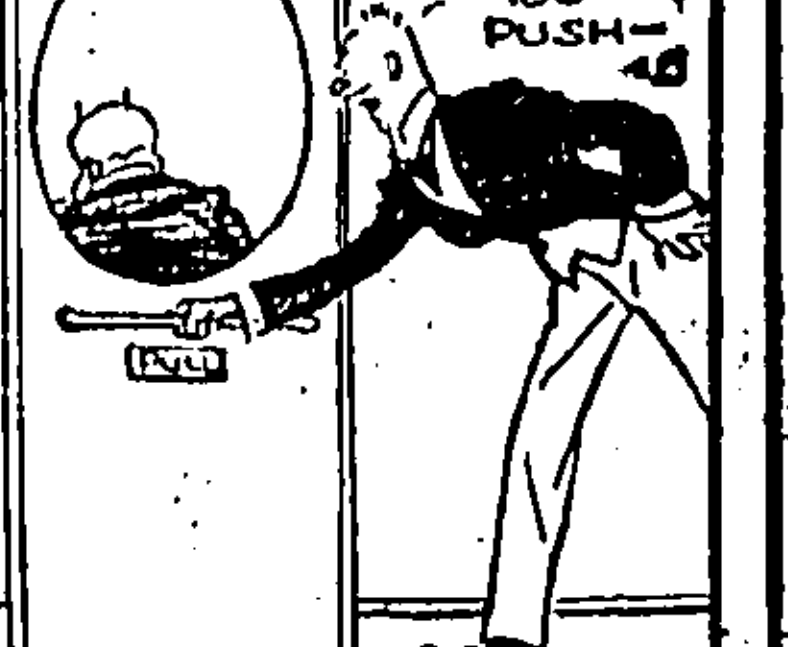
Jaya Prakash Narayan told a news conference Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru should quit and the government should be reconstituted to rid it of "all communal-minded ministers."—Associated Press.

### SOVIET WASTE

Moscow, Feb. 3. The Budget Committees of Supreme Soviet (Parliament) today sharply criticized inefficiency in the Soviet Government and industry, charging that costs were far above planned levels while housing construction lagged behind.

Financial experts in the Lower House focussed their attack on uneconomical methods in industry and excessive costs of local Government, which they said were "wasting millions of rubles."—United Press.

### POP



"JANE"



### TEST-TUBE BABIES

Sydney, Feb. 4. Seven test-tube babies, Australia's first, will be born in Sydney by April, gynecologists at the Crown Street Fertility Clinic have announced.

A spokesman for the Australian Roman Catholic Church said the Church opposes artificial insemination, regarding it as immoral.—United Press.

## Ceremony At Aw Mansion

SINGAPORE, FEB. 4. ONE THOUSAND AGED POOR CHINESE THIS MORNING QUEUED UP AT THE PALATIAL NEW MANSION OF THE CHINESE MILLIONAIRE AND PHILANTHROPIST MR. AW BOON HAW, FOR GIFTS OF \$10 EACH, BREAD, FIVE BATTIES OF RICE, A BOLT OF CLOTH AND A JAR OF THE TIGER BALM WITH WHICH MR. AW MADE HIS FORTUNE.

Mrs. Aw counted out ten single dollar notes for each of the recipients from a table stacked high with \$10,000.

Mr. Aw transported most of the old people from the aged homes in special buses and he is entertaining 250 more aged poor at a midday meal, and this evening is throwing a cocktail party for 1,500 guests.

Mr. Aw is celebrating his 60th birthday and the "housewarming" of his new house, "Tiger Mansion," in the Tanglin district.

He is returning to Hong Kong on Feb. 7.—Reuter.

## Tsingtao German Cleared

San Francisco, Feb. 3. United States immigration officials today detained Hans von Saucken, 54, former consul general in Tsingtao, under the German Nazi Government, for a routine check of his records and to determine whether he is welcome at his new post in the Dominican Republic.

Von Saucken arrived here aboard a Navy transport with his wife Norma and two children.

Later, inspectors said his papers were in order and the Dominican consul had confirmed his welcome in that country.

The Consul said von Saucken's admission had been recommended by the United States and British Consuls General at Tsingtao because he had worked against the Nazis and protected refugees from the Axis powers.—United Press.

on uneconomical methods in industry and excessive costs of local Government, which they said were "wasting millions of rubles."—United Press.

## Holidays Abroad For Britons

London, Feb. 4. British tourists will again be able to holiday in Switzerland from May 1 as a result of the "satisfactory arrangements on the balance of payments," the Treasury announced tonight.

Holiday traffic will be regulated according to the balance of payments. After discussions between a Swiss delegation and the Board of Trade, an agreement was reached on measures to govern payments for the year ending Feb. 28, 1949, within the framework of the Anglo-Swiss monetary agreement of 1946, the statement said.

Agreement was also reached on a related programme of trade for 1948. During the year 1947 to 1948, the sterling area was in deficit with Switzerland, but it has now been agreed that for the year 1948 to 1949, payments should be brought into balance so that further losses of gold by the United Kingdom should be avoided, the Treasury added.

To make this readjustment possible, Switzerland will increase its imports from the sterling area and the Swiss authorities are prepared to authorize the importation of all classes of goods of sterling area origin.

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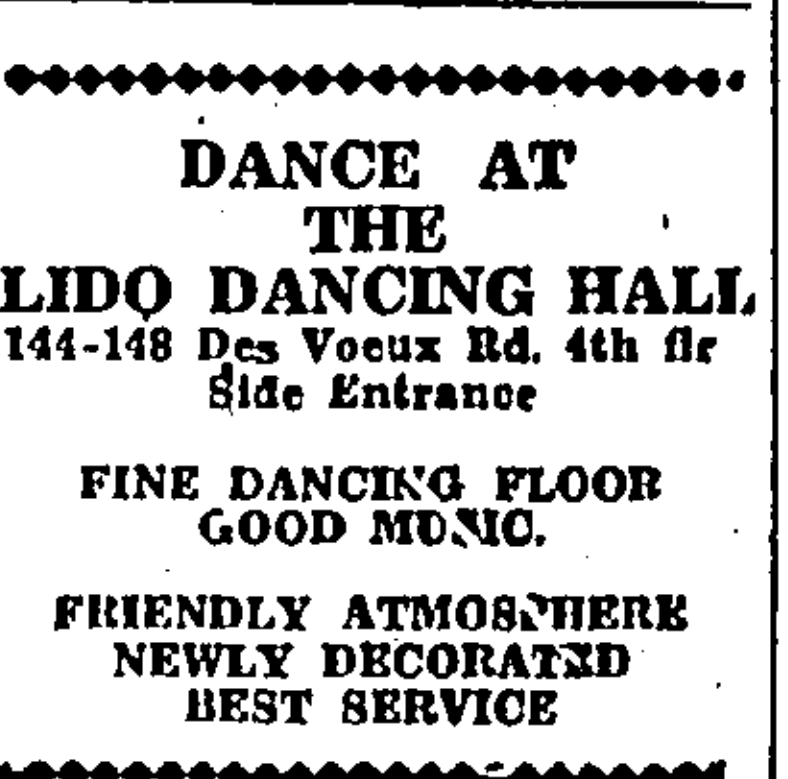
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### TRAFFIC CODE CRITICISM

In questioning the arbitrary powers conferred to the Commissioner of Police under Regulation 2 of the Traffic Ordinance, to suspend a driver's licence and to take a public vehicle off the road, Mr. F. H. Loebe, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, touched upon a very sore point. It is, in fact, an extraordinary process of authoritarian thinking which does away entirely with the usual agencies of law enforcement in this Colony, and permits the Commissioner of Police to suspend a licence whether or not the offender has been convicted in a Magistrate's court.

No question arises of attacking the wisdom or discretion of the Commissioner of Police. One assumes that, like Caesar's wife, he is high above suspicion. In fact, however, these remarkably wide powers are not for need but for the province of the Commissioner, but must inevitably be delegated to a junior subordinate on whose reports the Commissioner must rely.

The obvious dangers need hardly be stressed. There are more than enough temptations to and opportunities for squeeze and corruption in the Colony without adding to them the possibility of exploitation of a power of licence suspension which can circumvent the check provided by magisterial proceedings, and thereby the simple necessity of proving a case.

Mr. Loebe's protest was based upon the fact, primarily, that seven taxis belonging to his clients had been ordered off the roads, although in some cases neither the driver nor the owners had been prosecuted in the courts, but had simply been the recipients of warning notices, the rule apparently being that three warnings entitle the police to take direct action.

Clearly, there is something highly dubious about the grant of wide powers of this description. Either one or two or all three of the offences are sufficiently serious to call for more than a warning, or the cumulative effect of three trifling offences must remain insufficient to justify the extremely drastic step of suspending a man's licence, or, what is far more serious from a taxpayer's viewpoint, the idling of a vehicle for three months, which must involve serious loss.

For the principle of keeping public vehicles from becoming a menace or a public nuisance, there will be every support. But there are ways and ways of enforcing conformity with traffic regulations, and this particular method is one which fails to measure up to ordinary standards of justice.

Decisions which affect a man's livelihood should be left to magistrates, who are privileged to hear both sides of a case. We have pointed to the risk that goes with the present system: there should be no risk at all, either of a miscarriage of justice, or of "persuasions."

### Varsity Gets A Reprieve

Shanghai, Feb. 4. Just before his return to Nanking last night, Dr. Hsu Li-ang, Vice-Minister of Education, announced his military had cancelled the previous decision to dissolve the National Tzu Chi University for last Thursday's rioting and assault on Mayor K. C. Wu.

In a statement, Dr. Hsu said the reversal decision followed indications that the students were eager to return to classes. He also promised to extend the investigations to all the colleges whose students had aided and abetted in the rioting.

# LET US REALLY FACE THE FUTURE

By Frank Owen

The stock of the Labour Party is rising. Since their heavy defeat at the November municipal polls the Socialists have made a real recovery. Gravesend marked the turn of the tide.

Rising output of coal and new record in steel production were a welcome Christmas present to a harassed nation.

The people cheered the miners—and yesterday a chap said to me: "Perhaps even old Shirewell wasn't as black as he painted himself."

Although the Labour Party propagandists like to pretend that Tories and Liberals would rather see Britain ruled than Socialism succeed, we all hope that things will continue to mend.

The country might even then be able to afford the most inept and ignorant Administration it has had since that of Lord New-castle 200 years ago.

Unfortunately, the signs are otherwise. When the Ministers have finished boasting about the triumph of nationalisation, the bill for dear, dirty coal will come in. The bill for crowded, slow rail transport will come in. The bill for all our admirable but also expensive social reforms will come in.

### Year of Bounty

A man who should know—for he stands very near the heart of the Government's planning machine—told me this week: "We shall look back to 1947 as a Year of Bounty." So much faith had he got in Herbert Morrison's promise that we were already rounding Prosperity Corner.

There is, of course, no reason why this country should not raise itself to a new and almost fabulous good fortune. But it will never happen by the present popular method of kidding ourselves that every day and in every way we are getting better and better.

Take the latest illusion spread around by Socialist spokesmen. These gentlemen have just discovered the British Empire.

Until Mr. Creech Jones came along the British Empire was (a) the shameful legacy of Imperial piracy and exploitation; (b) a further area of Tory neglect.

It wasn't until the Ground Nuts Corporation got going that Britain awoke to the responsibilities (and advantages) of Empire! Clive, Durham, Rhodes had no vision! We had to wait for Ernie Bevin to throw into a discourse on trade unionism at

## 100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The "Gardener's Chronicle" says that in a place infested with rats, one of the fraternity was recently caught, clothed in scarlet and then set free.

The little red-coat bolted into the midst of his friends, and inspired them with terror, and ultimately the host took to its revocable flight.

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We would thank the "Friend of China" for the many pretty names by which he has designated us in his last issue. In the absence of matter more befitting his learned pen, he has taken the liberty of signing "Focus," and the letter itself, a text for a lengthened Leader.

The "Friend" could not or would not see that it was with a wish you may get it. Idea that we said "we trust" (the word "trust" is a slipper to California had of realizing 800 per cent profit) will be realized in all their regions. (Shirewell) at the best, may have all the investigations to all the colleges whose students had aided and abetted in the rioting.

Southport last summer a casual phrase about a Colonial Customs Union for the dear old Daily Herald to wax lyrical about the civilising role of Britain in Africa.

### What's Happening

Well, what's happening? Has anything serious been done since then? Africa, indeed, is our great hope, perhaps our last hope. But the realisation of this hope at least five years off. Take industry here at home. It is no good bringing that production is up. It is not up high enough.

And why? Because we have not yet had the courage or the common sense to dip into the one great golden reserve which still remains to us—our leisure.

We are not going to get to the Promised Land on a 35-hour week.

To say so now is to be labelled and labelled as a "reactionary." In six months' time the first Cabinet Minister to say it will be praised for his "foresight and fearlessness."

Meantime, what is being done to raise output within the existing framework of hours? With one eye on the general

## Playboy Of The Gods

The Emperor of Japan is reported to be able to have two most unusual accomplishments, he can fan himself with his toes and hold an umbrella in the rain—both feats being performed while swimming!

Now what is this strange spectacle upon the ocean scene? Can a man swim untrammelled by his secret submarine? I've travelled here, I've travelled there.

Ten thousand miles or more But bathing trunks upon a mine I've never seen before!

I've travelled here, I've travelled there And many sights I've seen, But never saw mine-ers as yet 'pon a submarine!

What's that? It's Nippon's Emperor-God A stealing Neptune's fire? Well, strike me if there's been such things Since Homer biffed his lyre!

I've travelled here, I've travelled there Ten thousand miles or more, But never saw an Emperor Perform such stunts before!

I've travelled here and travelled there And seen some real run goes, Yet never saw a Sun-God swim A-fanning with his toes!

And if I don't see nothing more What shall I see again Beside him swimming balancing His broody in the rain!

(Such cables serve to snare, 'rase The things we used to see, Like all those heads which 'bowed three times' Beneath his 'snickersnee'!) R. G. W.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY  
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

### NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS

"When in doubt lead trumps" is only a joke, which usually is the worst possible advice. But there is no doubt at all about the advisability of a trump lead if the declarer and his partner had each shown a different suit in addition to the one in which the side landed. Then it should be clear to any defender that the declarer almost surely would like to ruff some losers with the dummy's trumps, and perhaps execute a complete cross-ruff. The only way to stop that is make him use two trumps to a trick instead of one, by leading trumps to him.

S. J 6  
H. 9 6 5  
D. Q 10 9 6 3  
C. A 10 7  
S. 10 9 5  
H. 4 3  
D. A K J 8  
C. 9 6 5  
S. A K Q 7  
H. K 10 4 3  
D. 7 2  
C. J 4 3  
(Declarer East, North-South vulnerable.)

East South West North  
1 H Pass 1 S Pass  
2 H Pass 3 D Pass  
3 H Pass 3 S Pass  
(With East's pass of the 3-Spade showing his preference in an ill-fated hand and West accepting the double-intent, bidding out into the air, the declarer's cross-ruff, a heart-ace, a diamond was marked, to what

What is the best North-South bid of this deal? By Players who like to play a heart-ace, a diamond was marked, to what

election of 1950 the Labour Party has now come out in favour of joint Production Committees in the factories. Do the Socialist leaders seriously believe that this system (a very real form of industrial democracy) will help us to solve our production crisis today?

Yes! says the Daily Herald, and gets very petulant when it is pointed out that the Tories advanced the very same thing in their Industrial Charter (which the Herald jeered at).

### Thought of it First!

We thought of it first, says Labour's Own Paper. Why, the T.U.C. suggested it in 1932! What is more, only in 1944 the T.U.C. again approved it! As a matter of fact the parentage of Joint Production Committees is neither Labour nor Tory.

It is Liberal, and the birthday goes back another five years, to 1927. Even in those days the progressives of Transport House scorned the infant they are now seeking to adopt.

If they had really believed in it, why have they done less than nothing about it for the 30 months they have been in office? For the fact is that since the regime of Socialism began a large number of the Committees set up in the way have actually lapsed.

It hurts the Socialist Party to have this exposure of their failure. So they turn and rend the man who does it, who happens to be a former Liberal, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha.

The only Liberal who finds favour in Socialist eyes is one such as Sir Richard Acland, who jumped on to their bandwagon a quarter of an hour before he won Gravesend.

Or Lord Simon of Wythenshawe, who arrived in the Socialist Party one day and became a Socialist peer and Governor of the B.R.C. the next one.

Or their latest standard-bearer at Croydon, Mr. Harold Nicolson. Harold arrived at Socialism via two remarkable Mentors, Sir Oswald Mosley and the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

But I had better stop reminding myself of the political past of our rulers. Otherwise Mr. John Strachey will be extremely cross with me, too.

GOOD MORNING!

### GANDHI'S ASHES

New Delhi, Feb. 4. The ashes of Mohandas Gandhi will be committed to the sacred Hindu rivers at Allahabad on February 12, it was announced yesterday.

Sailem Chatterji, one of the Mahatma's staff, said, eating of the stars had determined that date as most propitious. The ashes will be scattered at the confluence of the Ganges, Jumna and Saraswati rivers— to Hindus the most sacred spot in all India.—Associated Press.

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### Home Stripped

One hundred and sixty British cars were stolen here last year, and one German Volkswagen driver was murdered within a few hundred yards of the British 400 Club. The car minus tyres and wheels was found again next day.

Some families in the Zone have been so completely stripped that they have had to return to Britain. In the clothes they were wearing when they discovered the housebreaking.

A mysterious intimacy with the whereabouts of everything is clear in most of these crimes.



"I can't stop to talk now, Elsie—a man is following me!"

## There's Chintz In Germany Too

By Ian Colvin

Berlin, Sunday.

As you drive through Germany you often see among the houses that have roofs on curtains of a peculiar light blue or rusty-flowered chintz in the windows—the only two patterns that are available in furnish British houses.

You know at once from the chintz curtains that a British family lives there, and so do the German desperadoes who make a living by looting the victor. They know that there are clothes, wireless sets, food and cigarettes behind the blue and chintz curtains.

That is one of the reasons why the British housewife in Germany is living a very different life from the champagne-supper existence that some people imagine. It is hard to find a family here that has not been robbed by German burglars.

Take Berlin, for instance, which has about 430 British families and forty Messes. In six months last year there were 32 housebreakings, 26 garage breakings, 27 larcenies from dwellings, and of these 85 only three were detected. Even in cases of simple larceny numbering 347, usually by the servants, only 145 were detected. In these six months there was a total of about 440 of the above named crimes, or about two per year per British family in Berlin. This is equal to thefts and housebreakings in a town of 100,000 in England. Here is what happened to a few people:

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The burglar has been shown plan of the house with the chintz curtains by the plumber or the electrician, or a dismiss servant.

No wonder husbands in the Control Commission resent a lag ordered to hand in the firearms.

Best of all, it was discovered and has just been corrected, the servants who thronged to get jobs in the houses with chintz curtains were being "fed" only on their political background. They were first politically in that they had been Nazis, but nobody thought of checking their records for criminal convictions.

## Britain's Protest To Rumania

London, Feb. 3. Britain has sent a strong note to Rumania, protesting against the infringement of the human rights clause of the Rumanian peace treaty, implied in the recent prison sentences on I. Iuliu Maniu, and other leaders of the National Peasant Party which was learned here today.

A similar note has been dispatched by the United States. The British Government avoided sending protest no during the trial of Dr. Mar and his supporters following Bulgarian allegations that intervention from London a sentence on M. Nikola Petk the Bulgarian Opposition leader, who was executed last term, inevitable.

The view in Britain is that the charges of high treason were never proved, that trials had a highly political character, whose main purpose was to eliminate the non-Communist opposition in Rumania and that they were not in accordance with Article 3 of Rumanian peace treaty, which guarantees enjoyment of normal political liberties, including the freedom of "political opinion and public meeting. Router.

## Yellow Sea Incidents

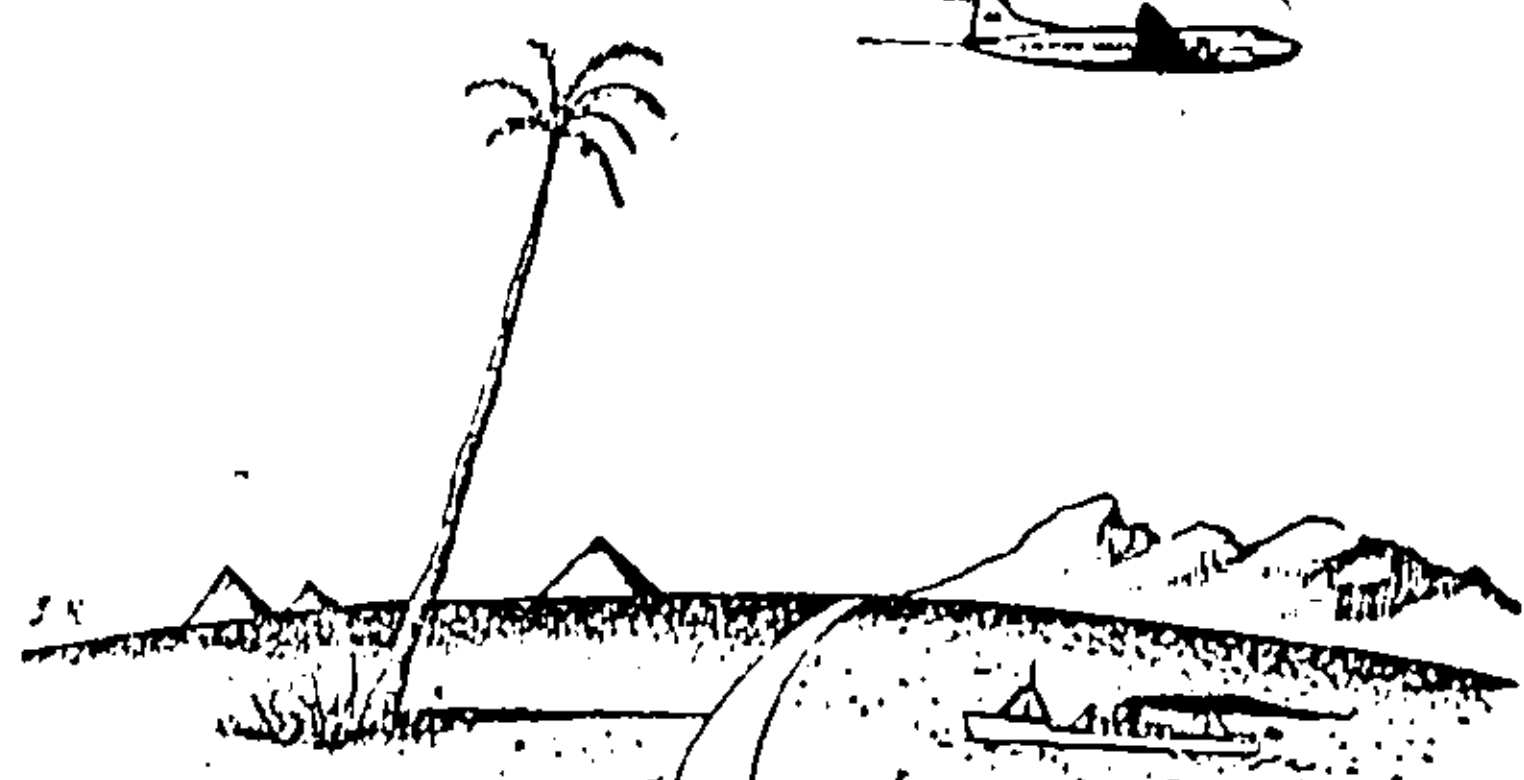
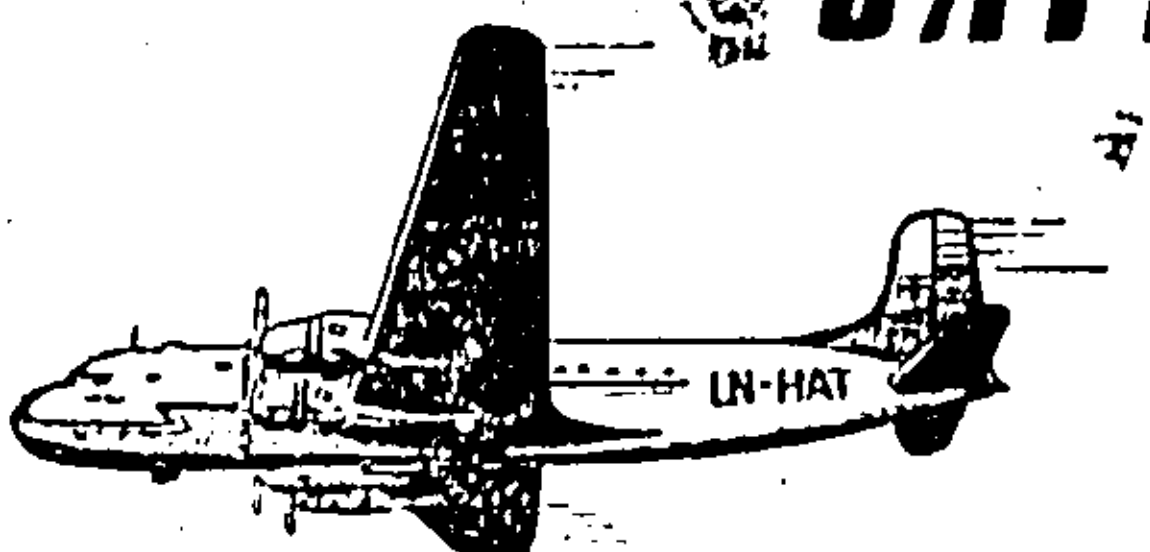
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## CEYLON GETS INDEPENDENCE

### Colombo Prepares For Celebrations

### Britain's Newest Dominion

Colombo, Feb. 4.

Ceylon becomes an independent partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations at midnight tonight.

Celebrations throughout the newest Dominion tomorrow will mark the coming of independence after 315 years of Portuguese, Dutch and British rule.

The Singapore flag, lowered 122 years ago when the island nation voluntarily accepted British rule, will be hoisted to fly side by side with the British Union Jack.

A gun salute will herald the island's freedom at 0730 tomorrow, when Sir Henry Murrell will take the oath as Governor-General. Religious ceremonies will mark the occasion.

A harbor festival including fireworks displays and water dances is scheduled for tomorrow night.

The island is the second British possession to be given self-rule within the Commonwealth in three days. Self rule for the Malayan Federation was proclaimed on Sunday.

The Duke of Gloucester, acting on behalf of the King, King George VI, will open the first session of the new dominion's Parliament on February 10.—Associated Press.

Teams of workmen are everywhere rigging up scaffolding, fixing floodlights or brightening buildings with colored paper and balloons.

Lion flags—replicas of the last flag of Kandyan Kings—are prominent everywhere.

The bells of Lanka breathe with anticipation, are being rung or commencing through their war-drums.

Although the crescendo of the celebration will be reached only on February 10, when the Duke of Gloucester opens Parliament, a long series of social gatherings, fetes and carnivals will keep the islanders looking their best.

A special carnival to choose an "Independent Lanka's beauty queen, 1948" claims the particular attention of the women, many of whom have returned from India with ravishing saris after shopping trips.

## Truce Talks In N.E.I.

BATAVIA, FEB. 4.  
DR. HUBERTUS VAN MOOK, DUTCH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, TODAY MET DR. MOHAMED HATTA, INDONESIAN REPUBLICAN PREMIER AND VICE-PRESIDENT, FOR PRIVATE TALKS AIMED AT THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND THE REPUBLICANS.

Meanwhile, a nine-man British Army mission, led by Colonel R. B. Lamb, arrived here by air from Singapore to assist the United Nations Security Council good offices commission in supervising observance of the truce between the Republicans and the Dutch.

The mission included two Lieutenant Colonels and six majors.

Australia, the United States and Belgium will soon increase the number of military assistants attached to the good offices committee.

Mohammed Roem, former Republican Minister of the Interior, will head the Republican delegation to negotiate a political settlement with the Dutch, it was officially announced in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, today.—Reuters.

## Deportation Set Aside

Washington, Feb. 4.

The Supreme Court has set aside an order to deport Fong Haw Tan, a native of China, convicted of murder in the slaying of two Chinese in Fresno, California. Justice Douglas delivered the unanimous decision.

Tan was sentenced on July 21, 1925, to life imprisonment for the killing of Lai Quan and Ong Kiu. Later he was paroled and ordered deported on the ground he had been sentenced more than once for a crime involving moral turpitude.

Tan contended his life sentence could not be considered as two sentences.

The U.S. Circuit Court in San Francisco ruled that conviction for any two offenses was sufficient, regardless of the form of the sentence. Tan successfully appealed from this ruling.—Associated Press.

## ALARM IN FOCHOW

Fochow, Feb. 4.

The city authorities today started the construction of pillboxes at strategic points within the city limits as well as on the outskirts, following reported increased activities by "bandits" who were believed to be affiliated with the Communists.—United Press.

## Maritime Conference

Lake Success, Feb. 3.

A British motion to give voting rights to non-members of the United Nations at the forthcoming International Maritime Conference was carried by the majority of one in the United Nations Economic and Social Council today.

The following non-members were invited to the conference, called to regulate world shipping: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Eire, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Rumania, Switzerland and Transjordan.

The British delegation asked that these countries be given the right not only to participate in the conference but also to vote.

After a brisk interchange of opinions, the non-members were finally granted the voting right by nine votes to eight, Chile abstaining.—Reuters.

## Bulgaria Blames America

Sofia, Feb. 4.

Bulgaria's Communist Premier charged America today with trying to incite a new war.

Georgi Dimitroff, trustedment for the first time in confidence of Gen. Joseph Stalin and former Secretary-General of the Comintern, declared also that the United States was trying to dominate the world through the Marshall Plan.

In a speech to Bulgaria's Communist-dominated political coalition, the Fatherland Front, Dimitroff said American imperialistic policy had found obedient servants in Leon Blum, French Socialist leader, and Dr. Kurt Schumacher, German Socialist Democrat.

He termed Blum and Schumacher as "false socialists who want to mislead the working people."

He urged that the Fatherland Front be reorganised so that in effect this former Nazi ally may become a one-party state.

Since the Bulgarian Govern-

## HITLER TO BE TRIED!

Berlin, Feb. 3.

Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, are soon to be tried "in absentia" before a Munich denazification tribunal, it was disclosed here tonight.

Though they were reported to have committed suicide in the air raid bunker of the Reich's Chancellery on April 29, 1945, their bodies have not been found.

Delayed action proceedings are being taken to clarify the position of their estates, according to an American Military Government legal expert.

"If the charges against them are upheld, then the tribunal can order all their property to be handed over to the State to be used as reparations."

Several other top-ranking war criminals will appear on the same charge sheet, including Hermann Goerring, the Luftwaffe chief who committed suicide shortly before he was due to be executed, and others who were hanged at Nuremberg or sentenced to prison sentences.—Reuters.

## Britons Rush For Holidays

London, Feb. 3.

The lifting of the ban on tourist traffic to Switzerland by the Government from May 1 resulted today in a rush on travel agencies by Britons anxious to make provisional bookings for their continental summer holidays.

But Switzerland is not the only attraction. Large numbers of people are also making provisional arrangements for trips to France, Italy, Belgium and Holland, apparently disregarding the fact that travel to these countries is still banned and the Treasury's warning that they should await further announcements to be made on March 1.

One leading travel agency's official told Reuters: "We have plans laid out for holiday to every country in Europe. They can be put into operation the moment the ban is lifted."

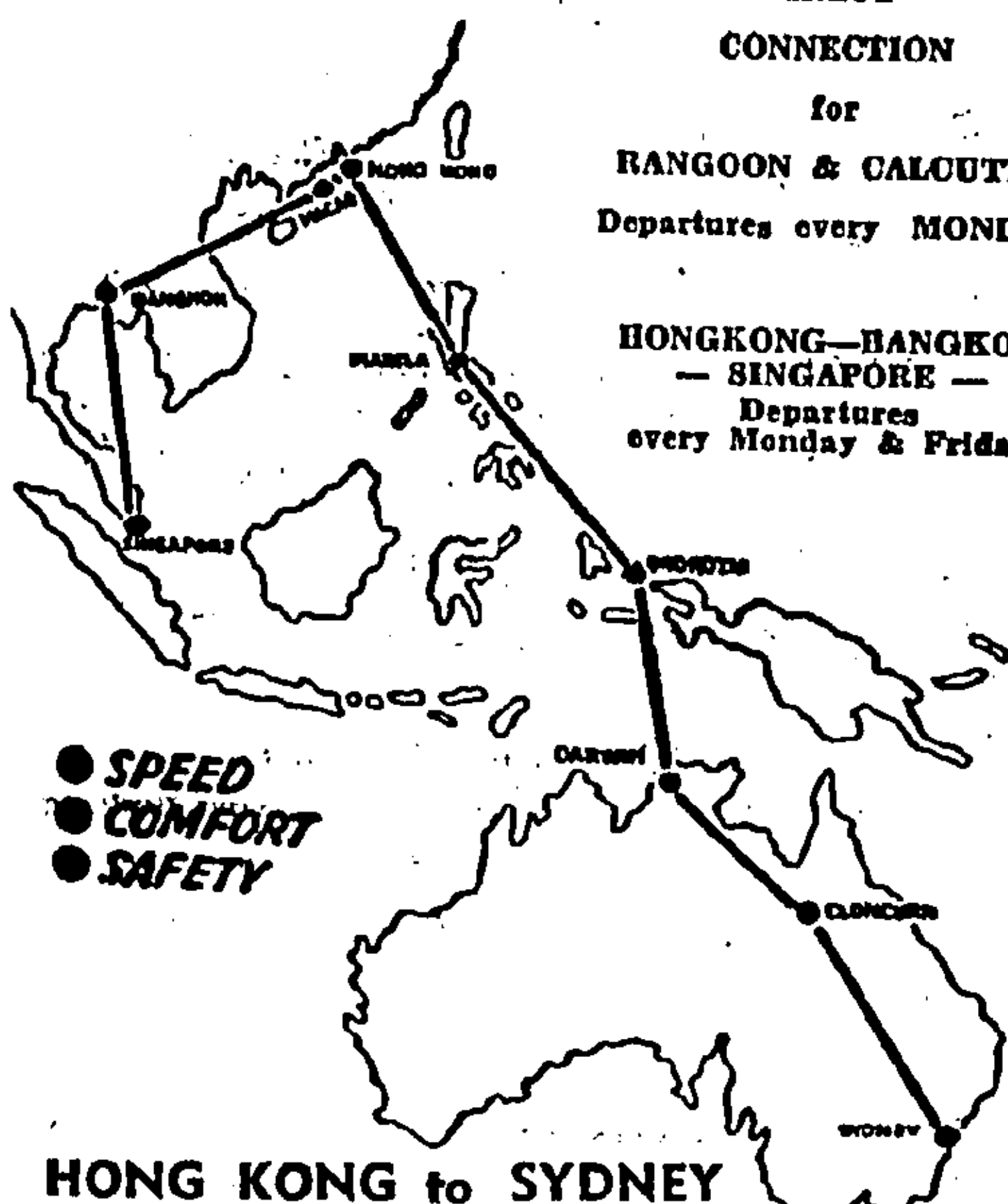
"We already have thousands of provisional bookings with Switzerland well in the lead. If the ban is lifted it will be a bumper continental holiday season."—Reuters.

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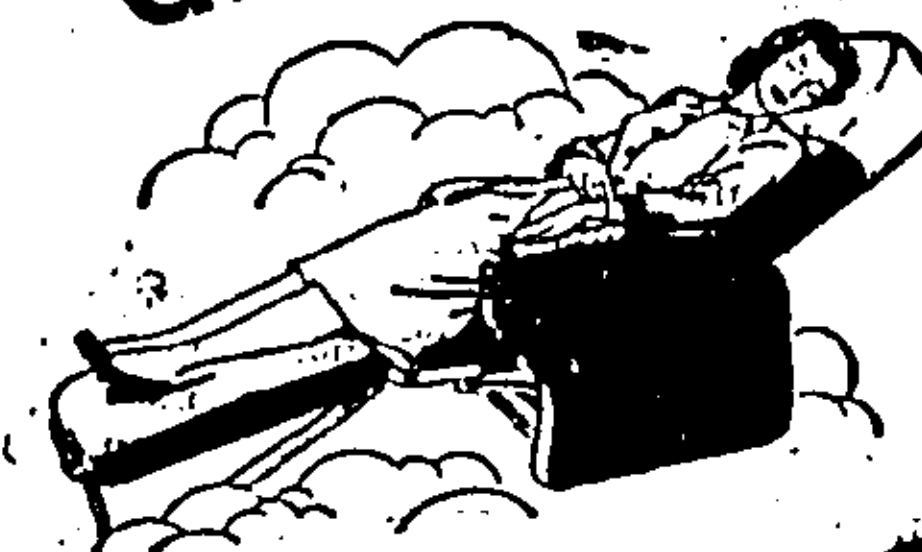
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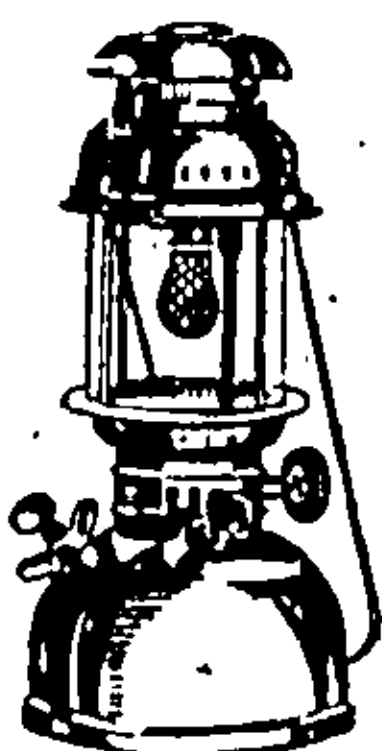
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**ENGINEERING PAGE****DINING BY CONVEYOR BELT**

A conveyor-belt cafeteria which moves dinners from soup to sweet in twenty minutes has been designed and patented by a British engineer and a group of multiple stores are planning to install them.

Diners sitting at a plastic counter on wide air cushioned seats are moved at five feet per minute. After five minutes when soup or hors d'oeuvre is finished the seat is moved to the point where the main course is served and two minutes later to the sweet and coffee section. Twenty minutes has been fixed as the average time to eat a three course meal with an allowance for people to eat slowly.

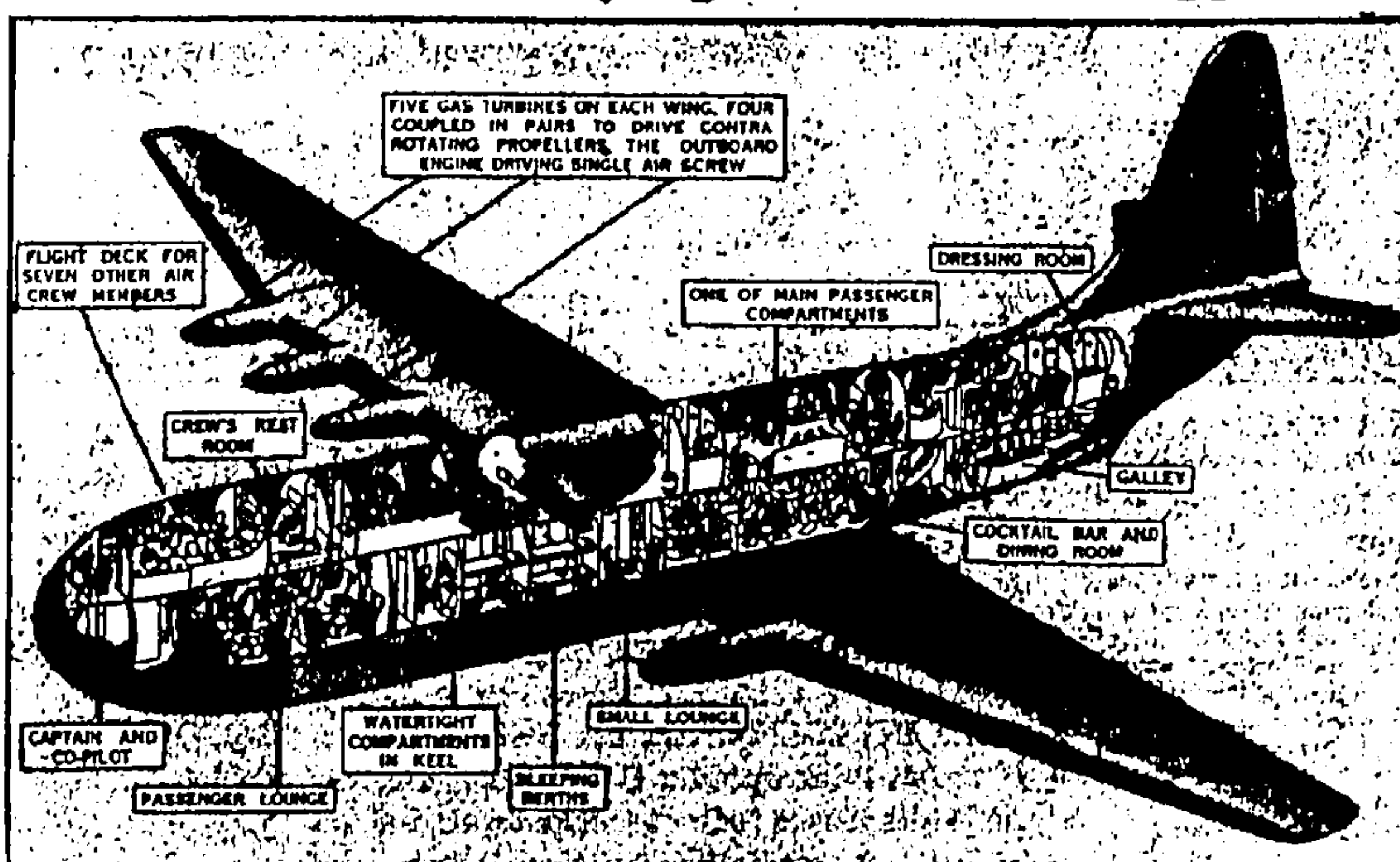
Underneath each seat on a belt is a compartment for hats, coats and parcels.

The conveyor-belt cafeteria was designed to eliminate queuing delays and to save time and space. It can serve as many people in an hour as the ordinary cafeteria and in less than half the space.

Automatic washing machines and another conveyor which brings the food from the kitchen are included.

Orders have been received from other countries for conveyor belt cafeterias but the manufacturers hope they will be used in Britain first. The Board of Trade has granted licences for production.

During the first six months of 1947, Vauxhall Motors Ltd. produced 30,554 vehicles—15,724 cars and 15,280 trucks—compared with the 21,249 vehicles produced during the first half of 1946.

**Double-Decked Flying In Britain's Biggest****RECORDING WITH WIRE**  
By Arnold Hall

The idea of recording sound by magnetism on steel wire instead of the conventional way of disc-cutting, although recently became a practical reality, is not new. The principle was advanced by a Danish scientist half a century ago. Recently thanks to the Allied Arm Forces which sought a recording means during the war, capable of recording without interruption for long periods and yet simple and compact enough to be incorporated into a portable carrying case to withstand the rigors of field service, gave necessary impetus for developing the principle of magnetic recording into a practical medium of sound recording.

The Wire-Recorder which is being produced commercially today is so simple and compact that it only slightly bigger than a portable typewriter and yet it contains all the mechanism for both recording and playback. On top of this superiority, the same piece of wire is capable of being used over and over again, as old recordings in the wire can be wiped off by re-running the wire through the machine as simply cleaning a slate.

**First Discovery**

Vladimir Poulsen, a Danish scientist was first credited with the discovery of the principle of magnetic wire-recording in 1898. His first recording machine was exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1900, which created considerable interest among scientists and laymen. His Telegraphone though sound in theory was nevertheless poor in sound reproduction and even compared unfavourably to the then far from perfect acoustic phonograph.

With the introduction of the vacuum tube and electronic amplification in the early twenties, interest in the possibility of high magnetic recording was again revived. At first research was confined to Germany. A scientist named Pfleumer developed in 1928, a method whereby paper or plastic tape could be given a metallic coating sensitive enough for recording purposes. Thus for the first time, sound recording other than the use of disc was finally proven to be practical.

The principle of the magnetic wire-recorder is actually quite simple. The Microphone picks up sound and transforms it into an electric current of varying intensity. This current when it passes through a Magnetic Head sets up a magnetic field. The magnetism is thus transferred to a wire which runs through the field at a constant rate of velocity. Upon playback, the magnetized wire in turn sets up a varying electric current which an amplifier and loudspeaker transform into sound. The quality of the reproduction of sound depends mainly on the speeds at which the wire runs through the Magnetic Head. The faster the speed, the higher the fidelity and the finer the sound reproduction.

A spool of wire of the Magnetic Wire-Recorder, runs through the machine very much in the same way as a spool of ribbon runs through a type writer and is, in fact, constructed along a similar line. A spool, holding 7,200 feet of wire gives a playing and recording time of an hour.

Magnetic recording does not confine itself to the use of wire alone. Another type is the one which employs a coated plastic tape wound on 8 mm reels of 7 in. diameter, giving a recording time of 30 minutes with a slightly higher frequency response of 5,000 cycles.

The application of the Magnetic Wire-Recorder for different purposes other than the field of music, (voice training and instrument practicing, which offers the musician for the first time the rare opportunity of listening and criticising his own works) is the scope of business administration. The Wire-Recorder can be used as a dictaphone and is preferred, used in conjunction with a pair of earphones for confidential matters. During directors' meetings or other important gatherings, the Recorder will replace the work of an efficient stenographer in minute-taking. In the field of advertising, it offers an excellent medium for training salesmanship. In the professional field, it is an excellent medium for a lawyer to make exact recording of interviews, and testimonials. It will likewise serve a doctor well for keeping record of case histories and a psychiatrist for recording the rambling but revealing chatter of a patient under treatment. For the journalist, it is the culmination of a few generations of the journalist dream for an economical machine with practically no operation overhead to duplicate the tedious works of taking notes during interviews or covering important functions. Even for the professional writer the machine is infinitely superior to the typewriter or the employment of a secretary, since the machine is there where they want it and when they want it.

**Home Entertainment**

Finally, the Wire-Recorder offers the greatest entertainment value for home at a cost slightly higher than a good radio receiver. Radio programmes of fine music can be recorded for leisurely replays later, eliminating the cost of purchasing expensive records. Family parties and home gatherings are capable of being made much more entertaining and fun by the use of the Recorder.

All in all, there is a great future for the Magnetic Wire Recorder, a future which will undoubtedly develop into a battle royal between the major disc-record and gramophone companies of the world and the new industries of magnetic recordings.

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Night accidents were responsible for nearly two-thirds of urban traffic deaths in 1946 according to "Accident Facts," the National Safety Council's statistical yearbook. In rural areas, traffic deaths at night and in daylight are almost equal.

This great flying-boat may in a few years' time be ferrying 85 passengers non-stop between London and New York in 13½ hours. It is the 140-ton double-decker Saunders-Roe S.R.45, three of which are being built at Cowes, Isle of Wight, at a cost of some £5,000,000.

On short "hops" this pressurized flying-boat—brightest aircraft ever built in Britain—will have room for 140 passengers, but on longer distances fewer will be carried because of the enormous fuel load which has to be taken. On the London-New York service this will total 15,000 gallons, weighing 49 tons.

First S.R.45 is expected to fly at the end of 1948 or early next year. Date of its maiden flight is largely dependent on progress of work on the Bristol Proteus piston engines. It is expected that the S.R.45 will be capable of operating a round-the-world service in 90 hours carrying 85 passengers, 18 of them in bunks.

**Record Year On Clyde**

The year 1947 closed with Britain's shipbuilders having on their books the greater volume of orders ever recorded. The value of the tonnage for which they held contracts exceeded £300,000,000 of which one-third is for export. In one sense, 1947 has been an auster year, since the emphasis has been on repairs and reconstruction, so that the output of new ships was not a record. Even so, over one million tons gross have been launched, and at the moment Britain's shipbuilders are receiving hundreds of inquiries for oil-tankers.

The shipbuilding position on the Clyde is of particular interest, since the yards on this great river are responsible for one-third of the national output of ships. The port of Glasgow has schemes on hand for new docks and for improvements costing £8,000,000, which will make it capable of docking or repairing any vessel afloat. During 1947, the 22 constructing shipyards on the Clyde launched 99 vessels aggregating 374,743 tons and valued at £31,000,000.

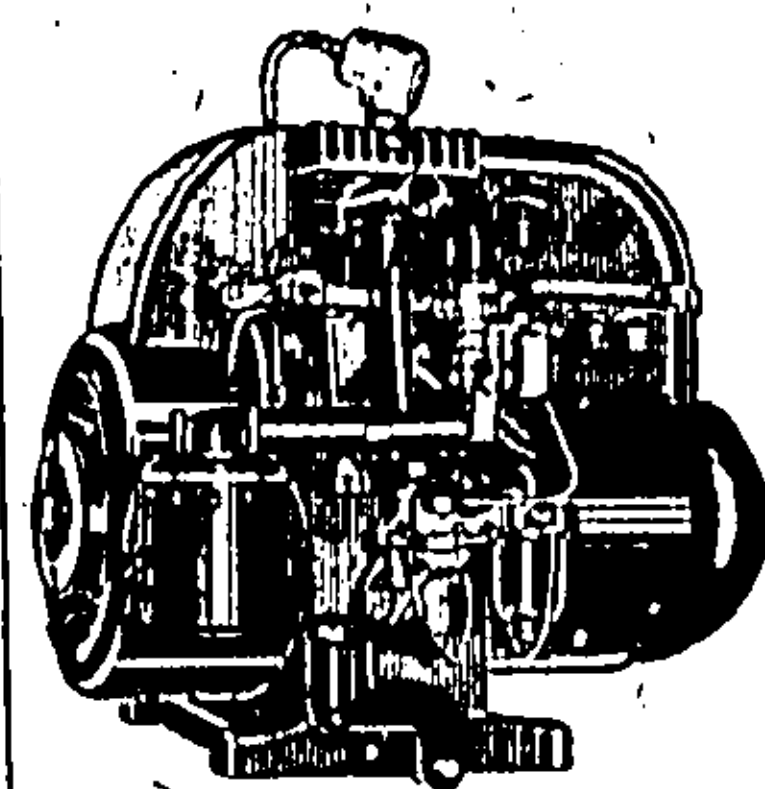
All total tonnage produced by the Scottish shipyards is estimated at 460,000 tons. In shipbuilding, engineering, ship reconstruction, and repair work the Clyde yards in 1947 exceeded all previous peace-time records. Clyde shipbuilders have worked on hand to the value of £70,000,000, and in tanker tonnage alone they have contracts valued at £21,000,000.

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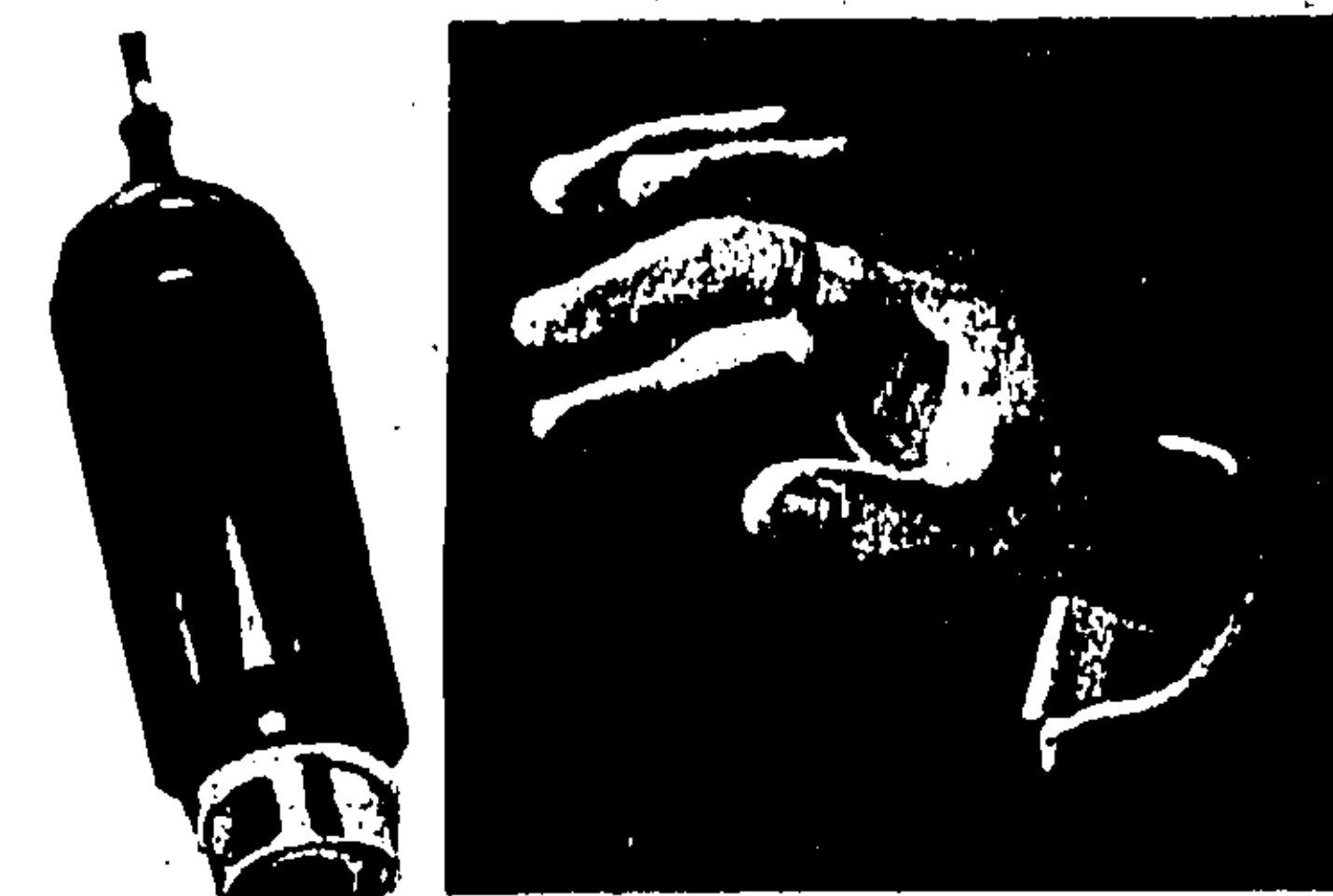
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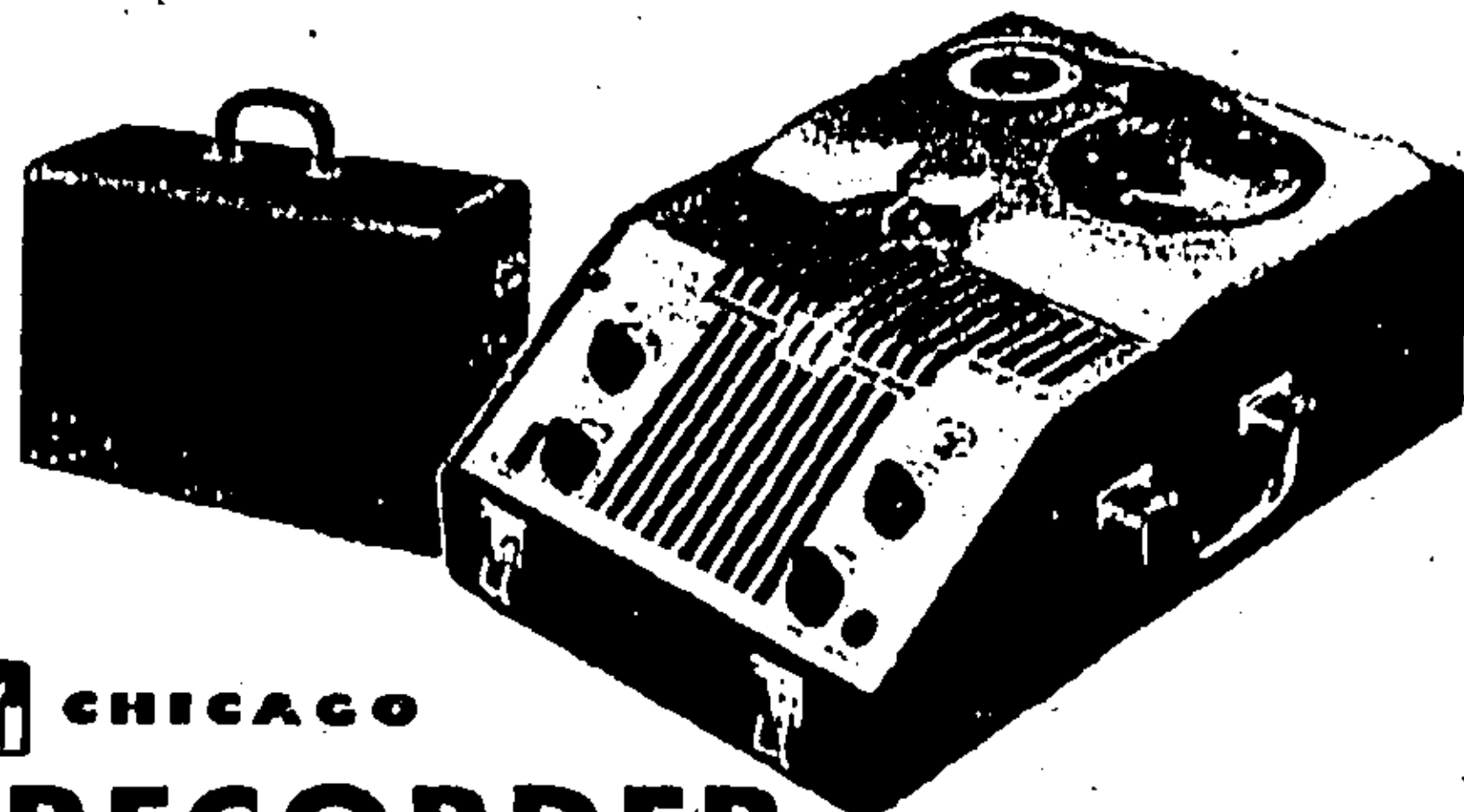
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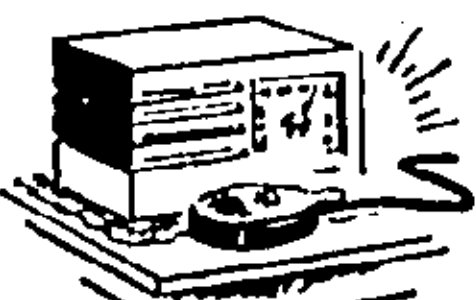
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# MARSHALL DEFENDS PLAN

## Reduction Would Jeopardise Success

### Labour's Support Of Scheme

Washington, Feb. 3. In a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State said any move by Congress to cut America's contribution for the first 15 months of the Marshall Plan below \$6,800 million would "jeopardise the success of the programme."

While Mr. Marshall defended his programme on the flank, a new attack broke out on another, with demonstrators carrying banners inscribed "The Marshall Plan Means Seamen Starve" and "Stop Ship Transfers" parading in front of the State Department.

The demonstration was organised by the National Maritime Union, who are opposed to the proposal that

500 American merchantmen be either sold or transferred to Europe.

In a statement filed with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the Marshall Plan, Mr. Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations one of America's biggest trade unions bodies, has declared that a deep cut in the cost of the plan would be "well nigh criminal."

He said that a cut of a much as \$1,800 million in the \$6,800 million starting cost of the Marshall Plan would make it "merely a relief programme and nothing more."

Mr. Murray said that furthermore the European recovery programme should run at least until the middle of 1952, as requested by President Truman.

Four Year Minimum

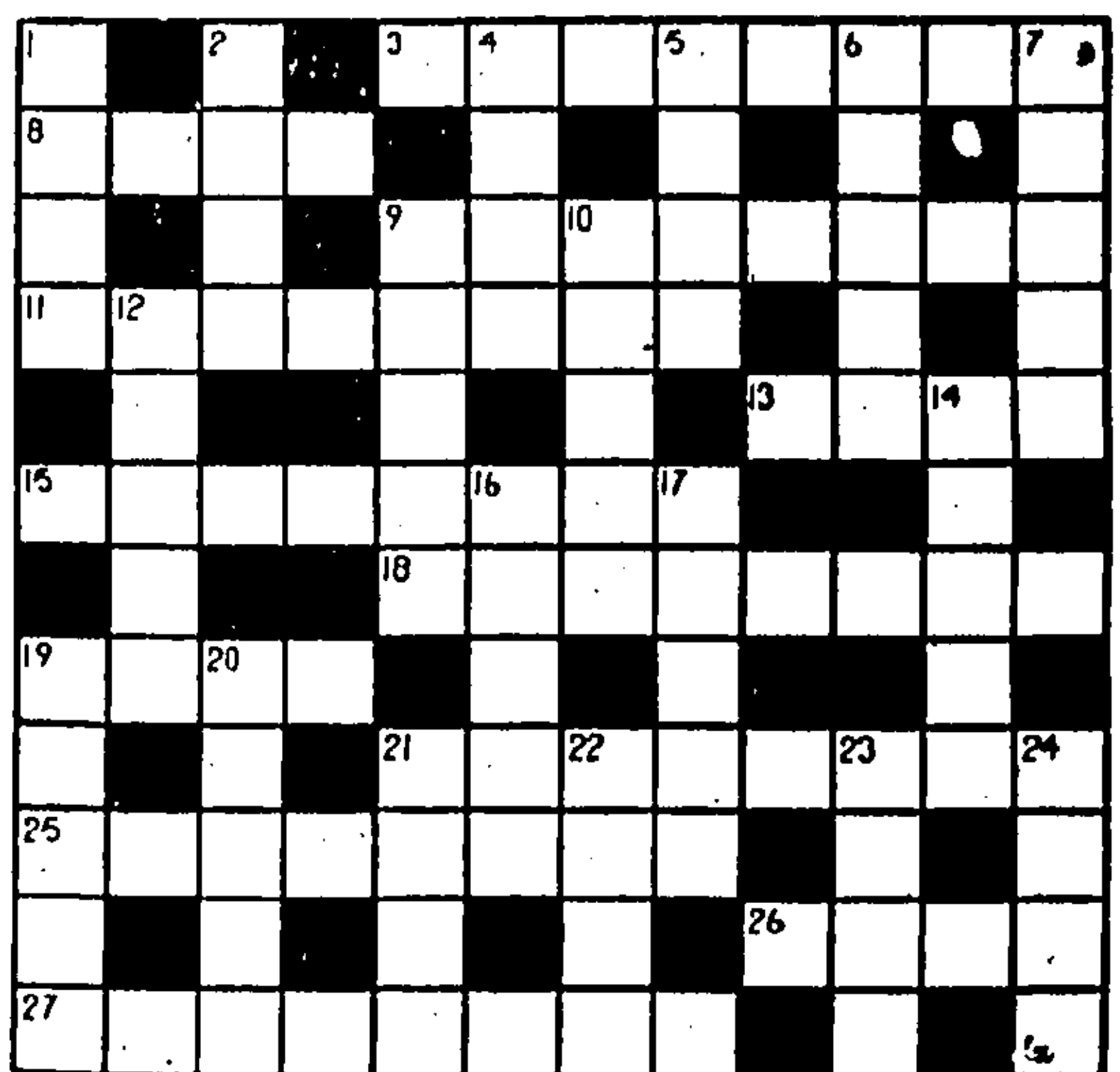
Mr. Murray's statement, which was presented by Mr. James Carey, the CIO Secretary, said: "No practical man or group could hope to bring about the needed rehabilitation in fewer than four years at the very minimum."

The statement supported the previous testimony from the American Federation of Labour maritime leaders with the view that "the CIO firmly opposes any further transfers of vessels from the United States flag to foreign registry and endorses the carriage of relief goods in American bottoms."

Washington, Feb. 3. Senator William E. Jenner (Republican, Indiana) today criticized the European recovery plan as a short cut to United States bankruptcy and suggested that the Soviet Premier, Josef Stalin, was against it only to "insure" its passage by Congress.

Senator, one of a block of Republicans bent on cutting the project to the bone, said in a Senate speech that the Marshall Plan could not turn Western Europe from Communism and State Socialism.—United Press.

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1 One who is famous.  
3 Conscience.  
9 Wonders.  
11 Trekled.  
13 Hail.  
15 N C O

#### Clues Down

1 Dross.  
3 Boat.  
5 Mule of.  
7 Amphibian.  
9 Cultivation.  
11 Out of practice.  
13 More important.  
15 Fieldwork.

#### Clues Down

12 Satire.  
14 Open.  
16 Renovate.  
17 Ran wild.  
19 Plain clothes.  
20 Relates.  
21 Departed.  
22 Tidy.  
23 Greedy.  
24 Engrave.

#### Clues Down

4 Seethe.  
6 Volatile.  
8 Lustrous.  
10 Eternal.  
12 Impure.  
14 Laid.  
16 Talon.  
17 Trend.

#### Clues Down

2 Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Bullet, 4 Saves, 7 Infinitive, 8 Trail, 9 Schism, 11 Peevish, 13 Insight, 15 Extent, 18 Peril, 19 Penalties, 20 Eased, 21 Landed.  
Downs—1 Bliss, 2 Laird, 3 Triumph,

Whisk, Toddlers and Snow the Crow were, together once again. When they had talked and laughed over their latest adventures Toddlers put a question: "Isn't there something we've all forgotten during these excitements?" he asked.

Whisk and Snow could not imagine what Toddlers was thinking about and he wouldn't help them. "Well, I'm not going to tell you all you've tried really hard," said Toddlers. "You must make three guesses first."

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### SOUTH UP IN ARMS

Washington, Feb. 3. Southern Democrats, described as "boiling mad" over President Truman's appeals for legislation to stamp out racial discrimination against the negro, were said today to be discussing the possibility of withdrawing their support from his candidature for reelection and naming a candidate of their own in the November elections.—Reuter.

### Food Ship Gets Big Welcome

GLASGOW, FEB. 3. FIAGS WERE FLYING, THE PIPE BAND PLAYED AND SIR HARRY LAUDER SANG AS THE AMERICAN GIFT FOOD SHIP "YANKEE FRIENDSHIP" BEGAN UNLOADING 30,000 TONS OF FOOD CARGO HERE TODAY.

A large crowd of sightseers and officials watched the unloading.

Deekers had agreed to discharge the cargo free as a gesture of thanks.

The cargo carried away in lorries decorated with the Stars and Stripes and the Scottish Lion.

In a speech of welcome, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary secretary to the Food Ministry, said: "The British people today are as energetic and as full of initiative as the early settlers who left these shores for New England in order to make a new world."—Reuter.

### WAR UNLIKELY

Bathurst, Feb. 3. Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley feels an international war within a short time is most unlikely.

Speaking at Bathurst, Mr. Chifley said, "The experts will take some convincing that war is probable in the near future." He added that Australia's atomic research programme is a safeguard measure, aimed at developing resources to the maximum.—United Press.

### Burglars Pull Off New Coup

Ascot, Feb. 3. Jewellery insured for £20,000 has been stolen from Sunningdale Park, near Ednam House, where £20,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from the Duchess of Windsor in October, 1946.

The jewellery is understood to belong to Miss Marjorie Cunliffe-Owen, a relative of the late Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, the aircraft and tobacco magnate, who died in December.

Miss Cunliffe-Owen was out when the thieves entered her bedroom. Detectives found evidence that the robbery had been carefully planned—probably over some weeks in advance. Nobody heard the thieves at work.

At present prices, Miss Cunliffe-Owen's jewels are believed to be worth double the amount for which they are insured.

Sunningdale Park lies off the Bagshot-Portsmouth Road and is not far from Windlesham Moor, the new home of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.—Reuter.

### CHINA REQUEST REBUFFED

Washington, Feb. 3. Private advices from China indicate that Nanking has instructed the Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, to ask the American Government to grant China additional financial aid in an annual lump sum instead of monthly. Immediate reaction within Congressional circles was, "There will be no lump sum aid for anybody."

The Chinese Embassy declined comment beyond saying that the Embassy and Pao Tsu-ye are continuing contacts with the State Department concerning the anticipated new aid for China programme.—Associated Press.

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"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	29th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K. via Straits	5th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	10th Mar.
"DILWARA"	Shanghai	11th March
		20th March

#### SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVETHOE"	Singapore, Penang, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	6th Feb.
"CASTLEDORE"	Shanghai & Kobe	13th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits, Colombo and Bombay	23rd Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	3rd Mar.
"DILWARA"	Kure	7th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	14th Mar.
	U.K. and Continent via Straits	18th Mar.
"DILWARA"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Mar.

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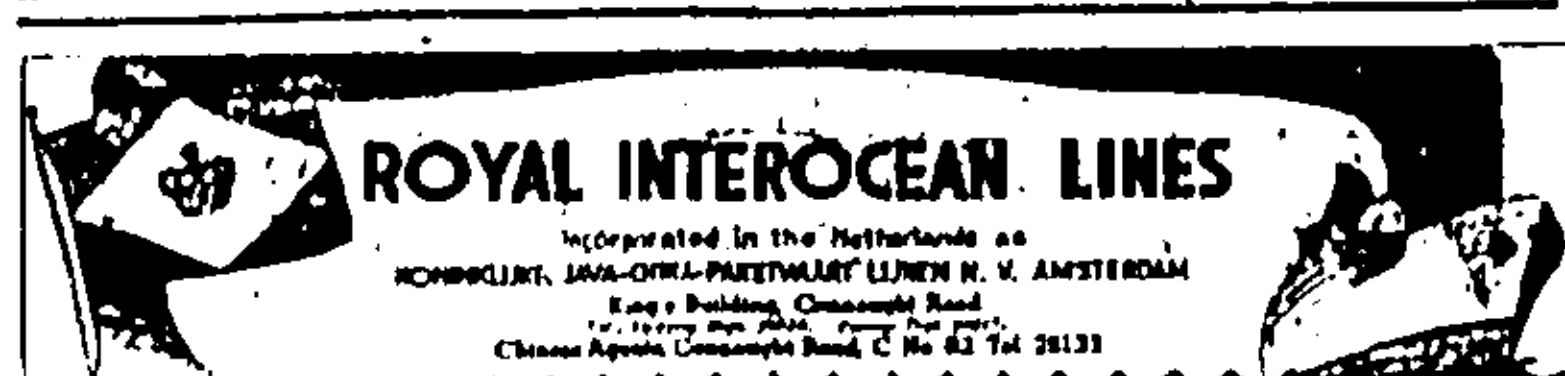
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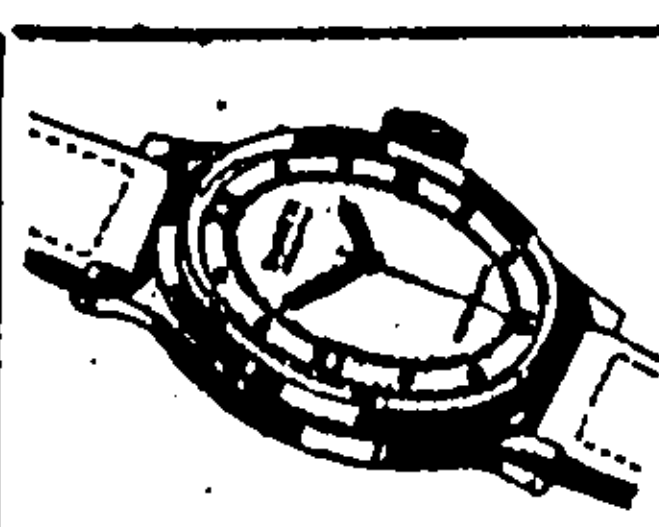
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## 'Kwong Tung' Fire Enquiry Telegram From Secretary Of State For Colonies Expresses Condolences Main Deck Covered With Baggage

"In my opinion the potassium chlorate was concerned in the fire," said Mr. R. C. Terry, Government Analyst, at the official enquiry into the fire on the river steamer "Kwong Tung," which opened yesterday at the Harbour Office. Mr. Terry was giving expert evidence on his analysis of the substances found at the scene of the fire. He took three samples of white powder which he found on analysis to be potassium chlorate.

Assisting Mr. J. Jolly, President of the Court, were Lt. Commander J.B.P. Stirling (R.N.) and Captain W. Lumsden (Master Mariner). Mr. C. Y. Kwan held a watching brief for the charterers, the Yuen Cheong S.S. Company, Inspector Franklin was for the Police, and Mr. K. H. Lee, Secretary of the Yuen On Shipping Company, represented the owners. Before proceedings began, the President read a telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as follows: "I learn with great regret of the tragic accident resulting from the fire in the S.S. Kwong Tung. Please convey my sincere sympathy to the relatives of those killed and injured."

The Court then adjourned for half an hour in order to familiarize the members of the Court with the general layout of the vessel.

**Capt. Trott**  
Resuming after the adjournment the first witness, Captain Charles Trott, Master of the S.S. Kwong Tung at the time of the fire, in answer to various questions from the Court, stated that the Kwong Tung arrived from Canton at 8.00 a.m. on the morning of the fire and was berthed on the East side of the Yuen On wharf.

He arrived on his ship at 7.30 p.m., shortly after the fire, enquired of the Chief Officer what the commotion was and told him there was a fire in the aft main deck. The forward and aft large cargo port doors were opened. The middle door was never opened.

All the cargo port doors on the starboard side were always closed.

He had two gangways in position from the forward and after cargo ports on the port side. There was an additional gangway leading to the saloon deck.

There was no cargo on board at the time of the fire and he produced the manifest to substantiate his statement.

"Goods on the main deck were passengers' luggage," he said.

The main deck was completely covered with baggage when he visited it at 7.30 p.m.

**Powerless**  
"We are powerless to prevent passengers from operating their luggage on the main decks. It is not a proper procedure but the practice had been going on for many years," he said.

All the four ladders leading to the main deck were cleared when he visited that part of the ship.

Dead low water was at 6.40 p.m. and passengers could easily have jumped onto the wharf from the main deck.

The ship was to have sailed at 9.00 p.m. that night and in his opinion the cause of so many deaths was panic. The passengers could have easily gone up to the main deck.

At 7.30 p.m. there was still a certain amount of excitement, but he could not say whether the closed cargo port doors could be opened or not.

Asked by Inspector Franklin whether he noticed passengers throwing baggage on to the wharf, he replied "No."

He noticed firemen picking up bodies and some were rendering first aid. He agreed that the Police did excellent work.

William John Andrews, Chief Officer, said he was on board at the outbreak of the fire which was about 6.45 p.m.

**Cry Of 'Fire'**  
He immediately came out of his cabin when he heard a cry of "Fire" from the lower deck and immediately connected up the fire hose, which was located on the boat deck, and passed it to the stokers.

He then made his way to the main deck and on the way picked up the compadre staff and requested them to render what help they could.

He then went down the Starboard ladder leading to the main deck, where the fire had originated, and there saw two seamen putting out the fire with extinguishers.

He was carried off the deck floor by the mob and carried on to the wharf. At no time did his feet touch the decks.

He would certainly say that Inspector Groves did excellent work in controlling the mob going up the gangway, otherwise there would have been greater loss of life. Two Revenue Officers assisted in controlling the crowd.

"The whole trouble was that some passengers already on the wharf was trying to make their way back to the ship for their baggage."

"The fire was already out but there was quite a lot of smoke of a white and dark brown colour."

The Fire Boat had by this time arrived and their use of searchlights gave a lot of assistance.

Passengers could not be prevented from smoking in the main decks, but watchmen were always on the alert.

### Light Failed

He reckoned that there were between 400 and 500 passengers on board at the time of the fire. The fire-lighting equipment on board the ship was up to date.

At the time of the fire the ship was on shore lighting. This failed very shortly after the fire broke out but it was a matter of no more than 20 seconds when lighting was resumed from the ship's supply.

The shore wiring might have been damaged or disconnected by the crowd's stampede.

Passengers began disembarking at 5.00 p.m.

"It is not unusual for friends of passengers to see them off to the boats," he said.

He could only remember one occasion when he had detected passengers carrying hazardous goods.

A baggage room or reserved space for baggage would not be acceptable to the passengers, who would not leave their baggage.

"Partial suffocation and the result of the stampede would have been the chief cause of the loss of so many lives."

"No starboard doors were ever opened at any time."

"Both stairways on the bow and stern of the vessel were readily accessible."

None of these who rushed off the ship were carrying their baggage.

Asked by Mr. Kwan whether the spreading of luggage on the decks had been a practice for a long time and if it occurred on all river vessels, he replied that it was the practice.

### Second Engineer

The third witness, Leung Tau, Second Engineer, said he was asleep in his cabin when the fire broke out and was awakened by the commotion. He left his cabin and went to the aft upper deck by climbing up the side of the ship. His cabin was by the side of the engine room on the saloon deck.

When he reached the boat deck everything seemed to be all over. Wong Choi, Third Engineer, said that at about 7.00 p.m., when passengers were disembarking, he heard a cry of "Save Life" from the stowage at tween deck.

He was then in the engine room and intended to go up to the main deck. Leaving the engine room he saw a glow by the engine room on the starboard side and immediately went back into the engine room.

## Preached, Didn't Practice

London, Feb. 3.  
After writing a school essay on Safety First, 11-year-old Henry Remmings of Birmingham, was killed today when he slipped from the back of a lorry from which he was hanging. — Reuter.

The engine room to operate the bilge pump, which was the fire pump.

While in the engine room he found that the lighting from shore had suddenly faded out. He immediately connected up with the ship's lighting by starting the dynamo. The ship was in darkness for about 10 minutes.

He went up on deck and noticed that the shore lighting cable had been broken. He immediately repaired it and once again switched on the shore lighting.

He could not say whether there was any stampede as for most of the time he was in the engine room, but when he emerged there was still a lot of noise.

In his opinion the breaking of the cable was caused by the stampede.

Chan So, Watchman, said that he was on the main deck in the forward part of the vessel when the fire broke out.

It was his duty to supervise the embarkation of deck passengers. He was not aware of the time of the outbreak and did not know there was a fire until he heard the noise of the passengers.

### Stayed On Board

He did not jump on to the wharf but remained on board controlling the crowd. From where he was he could not see if any of the passengers had fallen into the water. He noticed that some of the passengers were carrying small baggage while leaving the ship.

Wu Hoi Keung, watchman on board the ship, stated that he was at the aft cargo port door on the main deck controlling the passengers embarking and directing them to their places.

At about 7.05 p.m. he saw a burst of flame at the foot of the stairway on the starboard side and a little later saw a canvas hose being played on to the fire, which was soon extinguished.

There was a wild stampede by the passengers to get ashore but he did not see any of the passengers bring any baggage with them.

He did not see any passengers from the wharf trying to get back on to the boat. He remained on board throughout the stampede.

Passengers, besides rushing the gangway, were also rushing up the stairway, and he suggested that had the people remained calm more could have escaped through the stairway.

### Dense Smoke

Chan Sing-yun, seaman of the S.S. "Kwong Tung," who said that upon hearing shouts of "fire" he rushed to the fire hose box on the port deck but found he could not bring the hose down the stairway to the main deck owing to the dense smoke.

He dropped the hose down the side of the ship, climbed down after it, and trained the hose on the fire from an open grill window. The fire, which was some eight feet away from the window, was put out in about fifteen minutes.

The smoke was of a white and yellowish colour, and was being blown by the wind towards the gangway.

When he looked down the staircase he could see the fire at the foot of it.

After the fire was extinguished he saw five expended fire extinguishers lying flat on the main deck in the vicinity of the fire.

Lau Moon, another seaman, told the Court he assisted the previous witness in bringing the hose down from the top deck.

Hung Yuk-shu, No. 1 compadre of the ship, was in the box for more than an hour, and was closely questioned by the President of the Court.

Hung said that altogether there were 402 passage tickets sold on Jan. 31, made up of 11 1st class cabin, 6 1st class un-berthed, 15 second class, 37 2nd class, and 334 steerage.

No cargo was carried. Passage tickets were sold on the wharf, and on board ship after the ship had sailed. He agreed that there was thus no means of checking how many passengers were actually on board when the ship sailed. Ordinarily, he said, the number of people buying their passage on board after departure did not exceed 100.

Each passenger was allowed about 40 lbs. free baggage. Above this there was a charge for excess quantity. This was checked on board after the ship had sailed, when passage tickets were collected. There was no limit to the quantity of baggage carried, so long as excess charge was paid.

Witness could not say whether same practice with regard to excess baggage was adopted by other river steamers.

Hung said it was customary for friends to accompany passengers on board to see them off. He could give no estimate as to the number of such friends on the night of the disaster.

**Inspections**  
Asked by the President whether he ever made inspections on the main deck before the ship's departure, witness said watchmen were specially detailed for this work and instructed to keep a look-out for parcels of a suspicious nature. He himself only made occasional cursory inspections.

These watchmen directed passengers to stow their baggage properly so as not to obstruct the passage-ways and the gangways.

No deck chairs were on hire to steerage but passengers were not prevented from using them provided they caused no obstruction.

Private cooking was not allowed by passengers.

Could passengers be persuaded to deposit their baggage in a baggage room? asked the President, to which the witness replied they could not because they feared their baggage might get mixed up.

Since there was no check on the number of passengers on board before the ship sailed, how was the number on the application for clearance arrived at, was another question asked by the President.

Witness said he did not know, as that was the responsibility of the Captain.

"You have seen the disorderly condition of the baggage on the main deck after the fire. Would you have allowed the ship to leave that night, with the baggage in that condition, if there hadn't been a fire?" asked Inspector Franklin.

### Up To Captain

Witness replied that that was for the Captain to decide, but he thought the ship would have sailed and the baggage been properly stowed after sailing.

Harold Tipplady, Divisional Officer Fire Brigade, said the first call from the ship was received at 7.15 p.m. on Jan. 31 and he arrived on the scene within three minutes. There was another appliance and a fire float.

He had great difficulty in getting on board due to the great congestion, but when he did get on to the ship he saw two members of the crew had actually extinguished the fire with fire hoses.

He saw people in the water and a European Police Inspector helping them out.

At the scene of the fire he saw some white powder and a bottle of acid which he took away and sent to the Government Chemist.

**Samples Analysed**  
Richard Cresce Terry, Government Analyst, said he collected various samples from the scene of the fire on Feb. 2, and was also handed some samples by the Police.

One sample was a reddish substance which he found to be a vegetable tanning extract of a similar nature to catechu.

Three other samples were white powder which he found to be potassium chlorate; and three other samples were charred sack-lining.

The reddish substance was in no way dangerous and burns with great difficulty.

The potassium chlorate, on the other hand, was definitely dangerous, both in itself and also when in contact with other substances.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Terry, "the potassium chlorate

## Jockeys Hurt In Collision

(By "Rapier")  
In the course of their training, Blue Sky (Mr. K. Kwok) and Meteor (Chinese Riding Boy) came into collision with each other near the winning post.

Both riders were thrown off their mounts. The Chinese Riding Boy suffered slight concussion and had to be carried back to the Jockeys' room where he was attended by Dr. C. C. Ma, who happened to come in to see the morning gallops. After examination Dr. Ma ordered that the boy be sent to Queen Mary Hospital for further attention.

Mr. K. Kwok was found to be suffering from a slight injury to his left leg and was able to walk about with the help of a stick.

After the collision both ponies galloped for two or three rounds and were then caught on the course and brought back to the stables without any ill effects.

## TEAMS

The following are to represent C.C.C. against the Navy on Saturday at 2 p.m.—S. Ramchand (Captain), G. Hong Choy, P. J. Billimoria, E. A. Lee, R. R. Inance, D. Leonard, T. Crabtree, K. Y. Tam, J. P. Tsui, A. I. Lamell, Robert Tay, Reserve: A. Wong.

Against the Chief and Petty Officers, H.M.S. Tamar on Sunday, at 1.30 p.m., the C.C.C. will be represented by—G. Hong Choy (Captain), H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, A. H. Ismail, C. S. Carr, L. Wong, A. M. Omar, P. Esmail, R. R. Inance, B. S. Chowla, L. M. Omar, Reserve: A. Kurunuru.

## BOWLS

The Annual "Attahoy" Bowls Match will be played at the K.H.C.C. on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 10.30 p.m. Lunch and Tea will be available and members wishing to partake are requested to book, (either by Telephone to the Steward or entering their name on the list in the Club) not later than Sunday, Feb. 8.

After the match the presentation of trophies will be made to the Winners and Runners-up in the Club Competitions.

The Chinese Cadre have officially withdrawn from the Second Division of Hong Kong Football League.

All outstanding matches have therefore been cancelled.

## Shocking State Of Shanghai Street Shelters

Shanghai, Feb. 4.  
Mayor K. C. Wu today promised to investigate conditions in winter relief shelters in China's largest city, as the price of rice soared to a new alltime high, promising to increase the number of Shanghai's hungry and homeless.

Rice leaped to CN\$1,600,000 for a picul (133 lbs.) with a further increase predicted before Chinese New Year, February 10.

The Mayor's inquiry has been prompted by stories in the English language "China Press," describing Relief Shelter Number Three, More than 300 men were found sleeping in one room, herded into large unlit buildings, made of bricks or mats.

The men were sleeping on heaps of straw on a mud floor. Inmates were not allowed to go into the courtyard, making the air inside fetid and nauseating.

Meals consisted of two bowls daily of stiff, salted paste of rice and soya bean waste, broken rice and vegetable scraps. They received no drinking water and got a bearing from the camp Supervisor if they tried to step outside.

A large number of those in the shelter have jobs or homes, but were rounded up because they were shabbily dressed or ill.

According to the paper, relief recipients wept and begged visitors to release them "on bail."

About 10% of those in the boys' shelter raised their hands when asked who had not had enough to eat.

## Women Kowtow

Some women kowtowed—banged their heads on the floor in the old style of showing subservience—before Social Affairs Commissioner Wu Kai-shien, saying they had not had enough food and begged to be returned to their husbands and children.

The shelter is being supported by CN\$400,000,000 collected during the winter relief campaigns. It cares for 1,000 persons.

This compares with an estimated 200,000 refugees reported to have streamed into Shanghai during the past year from areas overrun by the civil war.

Government efforts to alleviate the situation have fallen short of the goal because of lack of money.

**Prices Soar**  
Commodity prices continue to rise and to keep pace the Central Bank of China raised its open market rate to CN\$115,500 to CN\$131,500 for US\$. The open market is thus gaining on the black market, which is steady at about CN\$150,000 to US\$1.

The city has announced that the rates for public utilities will be increased tomorrow from 25 to 30%.

—Associated Press.

## GOLD ON FRENCH FREE MARKET

Paris, Feb. 4.  
Gold went on a free market in France today for the first time since 1939. A Government bill to permit free trading in gold was enacted last night by the Upper Chamber of the French Parliament.

The Chamber of Deputies, the Lower House, passed it last week.

The measure, part of the Government's anti-inflation programme, is intended to bring gold out of hiding for use by the nation.

The Government has extended until noon tomorrow the deadline for turning in 5,000 franc notes, which have been outlawed as legal tender in another effort to bring hoarded money into circulation.

City employees in Marseilles struck and said they would remain out until the Government announced how and when it would redeem the outlawed bills.

Four men were arrested in Paris after offering to buy 40 5,000-franc notes at half their face value.—Associated Press.

## KCC DANCE

Arrangements for the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual Chinese New Year Eve dance have now been completed.

A first-class dance band has been engaged and dancing will continue from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The hall will be decorated in a red and green motif (the club's colours), and during the evening a special buffet supper will be served.

Members and friends are urged to book their tables for this event without further delay.

Lake Success, Feb. 4  
India laid down her terms for Security Council action in the Kashmir dispute yesterday, and Pakistan promptly rejected them.

No progress was made in a three-hour Council meeting toward the settling of the controversy.—Associated Press.

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## Davis Cup Entries

New York, Feb. 3.  
Twenty-nine nations have challenged the United States for the Davis Cup, it was officially announced here today.

The draw to determine the order of play will be made later this week. All but four of the challenging nations have elected to compete in the European zone. Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico have entered for the North American zone.

Competing in the European zone will be: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Last year 22 nations challenged for this greatest lawn tennis trophy in the world.

Eleven countries in this year's competition did not enter in 1947. On the other hand, Greece, South Africa, Monaco and New Zealand, all of whom competed last year, are not among the challengers this time.—Reuter.

## Soviet Speed-Skaters

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.  
The Soviet Union will send speed-skating representatives to the European championships at Hamar, Norway, next week. It was learnt here today.

The Russians have paid their subscription to the International Skating Union during its meeting here and two of the best skaters in the Soviet Union, Kudrachev, 500 metres and Petrov, 1,500 metres skater, will contest European events against the best skaters on the Continent.—Reuter.

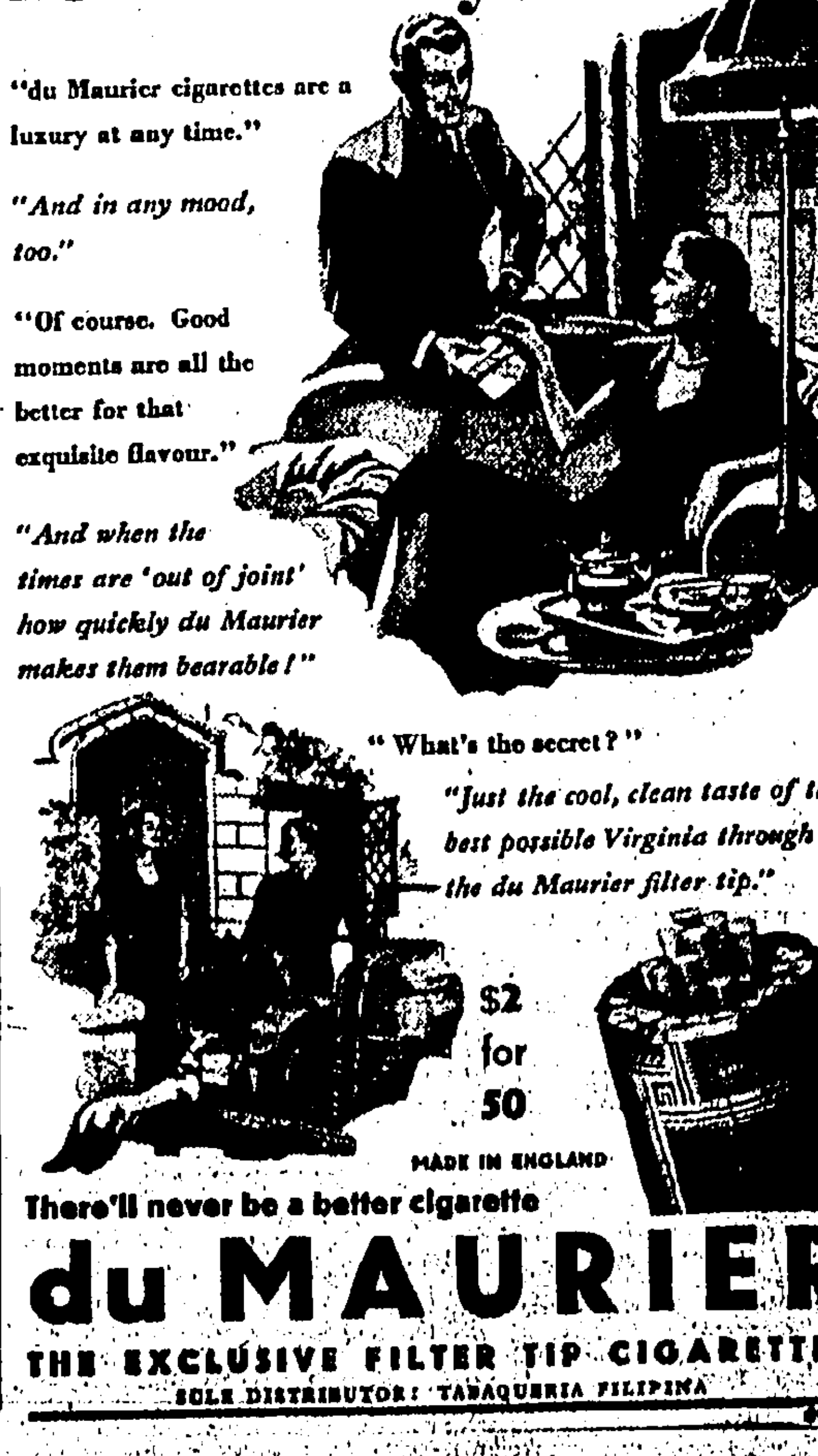
## ICE HOCKEY POSTPONED

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.  
Owing to the bad conditions of the ice due to the hot sun, the ice-hockey match between Switzerland and Britain was postponed much to the disappointment of the huge crowd that gathered to watch.

There was also no chance of resuming the women's figure-skating owing to ice conditions and a start will now be made with the third figure tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

Pennsylvania, Feb. 3.  
Bob Sohl, of Michigan University, swam the 100 yards breaststroke here in the new world record time of 60 seconds flat, bettering the official mark for the distance by five-tenths of a second.—Reuter.

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